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BATON ROUGE (January 31, 2005) On Monday, Governor Kathleen Blanco joined Army Corps of Engineers Commander, Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock in signing the final version of an official plan to restore Louisiana's coast. In a brief ceremony held at the LSU School of the Coast and Environment, Governor Blanco publicly voiced her approval of the long awaited plan and affirmed her commitment to seeking Congressional authorization and funding for the plan.

"It is a historic event. It is the first concrete step toward authorizing and eventually implementing a plan to re-engineer the Mississippi River and the coast in a way that is essential to the very survival of this great treasure," said Mark Davis, the executive director of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana. "But we must remember that this is only a first step in what promises to be a long journey."

The signing of the report was hailed as the successful culmination of years of work aimed at designing a comprehensive plan to protect and restore Louisiana's failing coastline.

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The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana is a non-profit advocacy organization whose mission is the preservation, restoration and responsible stewardship of the coastal wetlands, waters and barrier shorelines of coastal Louisiana.

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