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Mr. Thomas W. Waters
Chief, Policy and Policy Compliance Division
Directorate of Civil Works
Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
CECW-P (SA)
7701 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, VA 22315-3860

Dear Mr. Waters:

As requested, the U.S. Department of the Interior has reviewed the Chief of Engineers' Proposed Report on the Flood Damage Reduction Project, Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, Polk County, Iowa.

The Department does not object to the proposed project and has no comments to offer. The point of contact is Ms. Loretta Sutton, 202-208-7565. We appreciate the opportunity to review the Chief's Proposed Report and supporting documents.

Sincerely,

for
Willie R. Taylor
Director, Office of Environmental
Policy and Compliance



STATE OF IOWA

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
JEFFREY R. VONK, DIRECTOR

December 9, 2005

Patricia Bee
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Alexandria, VA 22315-3860

RE: Environmental Review for Natural Resources
Feasibility Report, Flood Damage Reduction for the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Project, Des Moines, IA, with Integrated Environmental Assessment, September, 2005

Dear Ms. Bee:

The Conservation and Recreation Division of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has reviewed this report and has no comment.

This letter is a record of review for protected species, rare natural communities, state lands and waters in the project area, including review by personnel representing state parks, preserves, recreation areas, fisheries and wildlife but does not include any potential comment from the Environmental Services Division of this Department.

If you have any questions about this letter or if you require further information, please contact Keith Dohrmann at (515) 281-8967.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Ford-Shivers".

DIANE FORD-SHIVERS, SUPERVISOR
POLICY AND COORDINATION
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION DIVISION

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CC: Christine Schwake, Water Quality Bureau, Iowa DNR (by email)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Rock Island District

FILE COPY: Keith L. Dohrmann

Bee, Patricia L HQ02

From: Cothern.Joe@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2005 11:14 AM
To: Bee, Patricia L HQ02
Subject: Chiefs report on the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Ms. Bee;

Thank you for your telephone calls requesting EPA's input on the subject project. Through our review, EPA found the analysis and documentation to be very comprehensive, and that formal comment was not necessary. If the USACE receives comments from other reviewers where EPA's expertise may be needed, please call me.

Sincerely,

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