



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

ST. PAUL DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Environmental and Economic Analysis Branch
Planning, Programs and Project Management Division

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, has assessed the environmental impacts of the following project:

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

MARSH LAKE, BIG STONE, LAC QUI PARLE AND SWIFT COUNTIES, MINNESOTA

The intent of this project is to provide ecosystem restoration to Marsh Lake, a part of the Lac qui Parle reservoir in Big Stone, Lac qui Parle and Swift Counties, Minnesota. The proposed project involves modification of a dam at the Marsh Lake outlet, rerouting of the Pomme de Terre River, and associated hydrologic modifications in and around Marsh Lake. This finding of no significant impact is based on the following factors: the project would have no adverse impacts on fish and wildlife resources, and the project would have only short-term minor negative impacts on the social environment, State-listed threatened or endangered species and on air quality. The project would substantially benefit wetland habitat, habitat diversity and interspersions, biological productivity and surface water quality and have minor benefits to recreation, public health and safety, and public facilities and services. Continued coordination, particularly regarding cultural resources, would be maintained with appropriate State and Federal agencies.

For the reasons stated above, the proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

6 JAN 2012

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Price', written over the printed name.

M. Price
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer