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Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6175

Dear Chairman Boxer:

The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 requires that project studies conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers undergo peer review by an independent panel of experts. In accordance with Section 2034(i)(2), I am submitting this updated report on the implementation of the independent peer review requirements to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report to Congress. A copy of its letter, dated January 31, 2014, is enclosed. If you need additional information regarding this report, please contact Mr. Doug Lamont, my Deputy for Project Planning and Review at 202-761-0016. I am sending an identical letter to Senator Vitter and to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo-Ellen Darcy".

Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)

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1. Report on the Implementation of Independent External Peer Review, November 2013
2. OMB Letter, January 31, 2014