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Karen Hagerty
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Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District
P.O. Box 2004
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Re: Lease, Coralville Lake, Johnson County, IA

Dear Ms. Hagerty,

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is in receipt of the letter of November 12,2002 from the Rock Island District of the Corps of Engineers regarding the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the above referenced project.

263 The Iowa Tribe has some observations on the issuance of the **FONSI** and the Environmental Impact Statement in which the statement is made that "a total of nine archaeological sites have been documented in the APE, and all have been determined ineligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, it is the opinion of the Corps that recreational development within the **APE** will have **No Effect** on significant historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1). [No other information on cultural resources is given. Who made the determination that the sites were not eligible? What cultural resources are within the APE? A list of preparers of the report is given, not one of whom is an archaeologist. Thus, none have the expertise to comment on the cultural resources within the APE. The letter from SHPO concurred only due to the elapse of the 30 day comment period.]

The Iowa Tribe objects to the FONSI and the release of funds for the project until additional, detailed information is provided to our office regarding the cultural resources within the APE and the justification that they will not be effected.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marianne Long, Executive Director
Tribal Operations