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Planning, Programs and Project  
Management Division

Mr. Steven J. O'Braza  
Carlisle Water Department  
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Dear Mr. O'Braza:

Thank you for your letter of September 22, 2004, regarding the Environmental Assessment for Tainter Gate Cable Replacement (and drawdown) at Lake Red Rock, Marion County, Iowa, requesting more information on how the drawdown might affect the municipal water wells for the City of Carlisle.

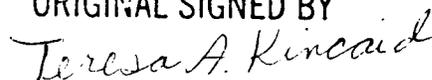
Our Hydrology and Hydraulics Branch examined the potential for impacts to shallow wells around the Lake Red Rock area. Based on the available information, we concluded that municipal wells upstream of the dam, including those at Carlisle, should not be significantly affected by the 10-foot drawdown. Of the public municipal wells where the installation date is known, none are expected to be reduced to an inadequate pumping level, although there may be minor reductions in some well capacities.

The Statement of Findings (SOF) package, which includes the groundwater well report and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), will be posted to our Internet web site, <http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/Documents/EA/RedRock/TainterGateCable/>, when the SOF and FONSI are signed. We anticipate that this information will be posted at the above web site on or before February 28, 2005.

I hope this addresses your concerns. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Frank Monfeli, the project manager for this effort at telephone (309) 794-5640 or email at [frank.c.monfeli@usace.army.mil](mailto:frank.c.monfeli@usace.army.mil). Thanks again for your input.

Sincerely,

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