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"Response to Issues Raised at the Public and NEPA Scoping Meetings of November 1994"

Summary Sections and Appendix A

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN SINCE NOVEMBER 1994 MEETINGS

In March of 1995, the Corps of Engineers determined that the original study plan as described in the Initial Project Management Plan (IPMP), with minor modifications and fully executed, is adequate to satisfy NEPA requirements. No further expansion of the existing environmental efforts is expected. However, the IPMP includes some go/no go studies which could require additional funding. (Go/no go studies approach a task that may not easily be addressed. If after initial evaluation there is a way to continue and usable results can be obtained, then the study is a go and further funding is required.) Additional efforts to address cumulative impacts and projected future without-project conditions have received additional funding through reprioritization within the current study plan, and additional funding has been provided for the math modeling effort.

COMMENTS ON CONTENT ANALYSIS REPORT

The Corps of Engineers contracted support to assist in carrying out the November 1994 public meeting. As part of this contract effort, a Content Analysis Report, dated February 1995, was completed to summarize the comments and content of the meetings. For summary purposes, the contractor categorized speakers at the meetings as being supporters, qualified supporters, or opponents of the study. At the Governors' Liaison Committee and Navigation Environmental Coordination Committee meetings following the February release, a number of individuals and organizations expressed concern that the "qualified supporter" category did not accurately represent their position on the study. Copies of letters received expressing similar concern have been included in Appendix B.

APPENDIX A

Commonly Used Abbreviations

A&M Avoid and Minimize
 EIS Environmental Impact Statement
 EMP Environmental Management Program
 EPA Environmental Protection Agency
 GIS Geographic Information System
 GREAT Great River Environmental Action Team
 HAT Habitat Assessment Team
 IPMP Initial Project Management Plan
 NECC Navigation Environmental Coordination Committee
 NED National Economic Development

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act
O&M operation and maintenance
POS Plan of Study
RED Regional Economic Development
ROD Record of Decision
TCC Technical Coordinating Committee
UMR-IWW
 Upper Mississippi River - Illinois Waterway
USC United States Code
USFWS
 United States Fish and Wildlife Service
WRDA Water Resources Development Act

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