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Dear Kevin:

I looked through the February 1995 Content Analysis Report for the public meetings held in November 1994 for the Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Waterway System Navigation Study. I do not agree with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources being placed in the general classification of "qualified supporters." In fact, that title is very misleading for most, if not all, of the organizations that were placed in that category. The report is correct in not placing the Iowa DNR under "Study Proponents" or "Study Opponents." I recommend that the Iowa DNR, and others as appropriate, be classified as neutral towards navigation improvements, but very concerned about long term systemic environmental impacts. Since this is a long phrase, perhaps it can be abbreviated to "Neutral, with Environmental Concerns."

I realize the report is complete and will not be revised. I am not recommending that it be revised, but rather I ask that references to this report in future newsletters and navigation study reports not use the misleading general characterization of "Qualified Supporters."

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Mississippi River Coordinator

cc: State NECC Members
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