

## Memorandum For Record

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Subject: Phone Conversation with Rebecca Soglin of the Iowa City Chapter of the Sierra Club

I called Rebecca (Becky) Soglin to clarify the relationship between her Sierra Club office and Jane Clark's office in Des Moines. We have received separate e-mails from the two offices both representing the Iowa Sierra Club. This has created some confusion in the information flow, since I had assumed that if I sent something to Ms. Soglin or to Ms. Clark that they would exchange the information. Ms. Clark has indicated in her e-mails that she did not have access to the information.

Ms. Soglin explained that while both offices are part of the Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club, they operate independently and have slightly different focus. Her office deals more with local issues and Ms. Clark's office would have more of a Federal perspective due to the Corps involvement. She also indicated that a lot of their work is voluntary and some of the offices may not have fax machines or up-to-date computer equipment and software. She indicated that Ms. Clark does communicate with her office on a frequent basis, but that it was not possible to easily relay the large documents between the two offices. Apparently, Ms. Clark has difficulty downloading the information from the Corps website with the equipment available to her.

I indicated that we now had a better understanding of the situation and would make sure we sent information to both offices, and would send hardcopies by mail if necessary.

Ms. Soglin had some questions about the EA process and our role. We discussed the issue of timing of the notice on the Public Scoping Meeting to the distribution list and I indicated that this was a misunderstanding on my part. I explained that we were not trying to limit participation in the meeting, and that once I realized that the notice was to go to individuals we sent it out immediately. I did indicate that we had a good turnout and that we had received a lot of comments. I further indicated that we had an extensive correspondence file on the MYCA lease application, which included numerous letters from local residents expressing their concerns. I noted that there were nothing in the file from the Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club. She indicated that she had communicated with the Corps on this matter. I informed her that she would be receiving a copy of the draft EA for detailed review and comment, probably in January.

Finally, Ms. Soglin indicated that their primary concern was the impacts to the natural resources onsite. I acknowledged that we had received their responses on the Public Comment form provided to their office by e-mail and that their comments would be included for review and analysis along with the other comments received.