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December 27, 2002

Department of the Army
Rock Island District
Corps of Engineers
Clock Tower Building
P.O. Box 2004
Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

~~Dear~~ Ms. Hagerty:

On behalf of the Penn Township Trustees of Johnson County, Iowa, we are submitting this response to the environmental assessment of the proposed lease at the Coralville Lake, Johnson County, Iowa. The Penn Township Trustees disagree with the Environmental Assessment Report prepared by Zambrana Engineering, Inc in one respect.

20-5 [The report provides that there will be no significant impact to life, health and safety under the proposed Alternative 1 project. In order to provide adequate fire protection for the users, the public and the firefighters, the project, if approved, would require the North Liberty Fire Department and Penn Township to spend significant sums of money to upgrade the equipment and firefighting capability. Penn Township Trustees contract with the City of North Liberty to provide fire and emergency services and believe that there will be a significant impact to life, health and safety under Alternative 1 as proposed.]

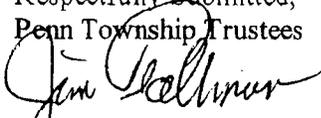
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On February 1, 2001 the Penn Township Trustees unanimously voted to raise the taxation levy for fire protection from \$.405 per \$1000 valuation to \$.6075 per \$1000 valuation. This increase was in accordance with new maximum levies allowed for fire protection, and \$.6075 is the maximum allowed by Iowa Law.

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Penn Township Trustees believe that the proposed project will have a greater impact on the residents of Penn Township, and the City of North Liberty than is recognized in the report by Zambrana Engineering, Inc. Penn Township Trustees respectfully request that the lease agreement, as proposed, not be approved by the Corps of Engineers at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Penn Township Trustees



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U.S. Senator Tom Harkin
U.S. Senator Charles Grassley
Congressman James Leach
R.J. Moore