



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
CLOCK TOWER BUILDING - P.O. BOX 2004  
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS 61204-2004

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

March 20, 2008

Planning, Programs, and  
Project Management Division

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District (District) has enclosed a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) entitled, *Chevron Construction Near Oquawka, Illinois, Pool 18, Mississippi River*, dated March 2008. The District is interested in your review and comments regarding the alternative analysis for this project. The District will finalize the EA after you have had a chance to comment.

The District proposes to construct four new chevron dikes in Pool 18 of the Mississippi River, Des Moines County, Iowa, at River Miles 416.2, 415.7, 415.5, and 415.0. The chevron dikes would divert river flows toward the main channel to reduce the District's channel maintenance dredging. Additional benefits of the chevron dike construction would be reduced impacts from dredged material placement; habitat diversity; island protection; and island restoration.

The EA includes a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). If the District does not receive comments during the review period, or the comments received do not change the decision of no significant impacts resulting from this action, the District Engineer will sign the FONSI.

Let us know if the EA is missing any key information or if something is not clear. Furnish your comments about the EA no later than 30 days from the date of this letter to Mr. Joe Jordan of our Economic and Environmental Analysis Branch, by telephoning 309/794-5791, or by writing to our address above, ATTN: Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division (Joe Jordan). The EA is also available on the District's website, <http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/Projects/index.cfm?congress=y>. Please contact Mr. Jordan to request either additional paper copies of the EA or a compact disc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth A. Barr".

Kenneth A. Barr  
Chief, Economic and Environmental  
Analysis Branch

Enclosure