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Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster:

In accordance with Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014, I submit the enclosed second annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development (Annual Report) to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives. This report identifies potential future water resources development through completed feasibility reports, proposed feasibility studies, and proposed modifications to authorized projects or studies. Section 7001 requires that the Secretary annually publish a notice in the Federal Register requesting proposals from non-Federal interests and certify that those proposals included in the Annual Report meet the criteria established by Congress in that section. The report reflects information provided by non-Federal interests in response to that notice.

Since the submission of the first Annual Report on January 30, 2015, the Corps has prepared updated implementation guidance (http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/Project%20Planning/wrda/2014/2014_sec_7001v2.pdf) for Section 7001 and requested proposals via a Federal Register Notice (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-05/pdf/2014-18495.pdf>). The notice in the May 26, 2015, Federal Register sought to clarify the process under which proposals would be evaluated against the criteria in developing the 2016 Annual Report in order to provide more transparency to non-federal interests.

The Corps received 61 proposals for the 2016 Annual Report. Of these, 25 were proposals for feasibility studies, 34 were proposals for modifications to existing projects, and 2 were proposals for study modifications. In light of the change to a more expansive evaluation process this year, I decided to reconsider the proposals that were submitted for the 2015 Annual Report and were ultimately included in the Appendix. Of the 95 proposals included in the Appendix to the 2015 Annual Report, 21 of the proposals were resubmitted by non-Federal interests for the 2016 Annual Report and the current proposals were evaluated. The remaining 74 proposals from the 2015 Annual Report Appendix were re-evaluated for inclusion in the main report table of 2016 Annual Report.

I have identified 22 signed Chief of Engineer's Reports for inclusion in the report, 12 have completed Army review and either have been transmitted to Congress or transmission is in progress and 10 that are currently undergoing Army review. Of the 61 proposals submitted for the 2016 Annual Report, 30 proposals met the criteria contained in Section 7001. Four of these proposals were for projects that have signed Chief's Reports and are

included in the first section of the main report table under "Chief's Reports." The 26 other current proposals meeting the criteria have been included in the second section of the main report table under "Proposals."

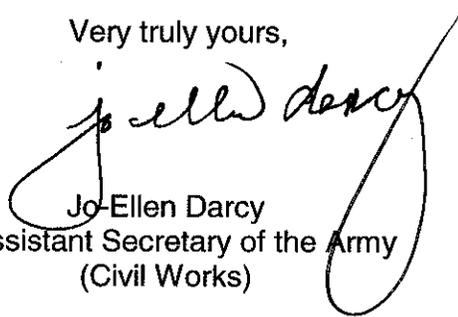
The remaining 31 proposals submitted for the 2016 Annual Report did not meet the criteria and are captured in the Appendix with an accompanying explanation as to which specific criteria were not met. The two primary reasons proposals are included in the Appendix are that either authority already exists to perform the requested work or the proposal did not fit within the Corps core mission areas. It is important to note that, where authority already exists to undertake the efforts described in the proposals, inclusion in the appendix to the annual report does not preclude the Army from carrying out either the study or construction.

Of the 74 proposals submitted for the 2015 Annual Report that were re-evaluated, 31 were identified as meeting the statutory criteria. Three of the proposals were for projects having signed Chief's Reports and are in the first section of the main report table under "Chief's Reports" and 29 are included in the second section of the main report table under "Proposals."

If you need additional information regarding the enclosed information, please contact Mr. Doug Lamont, Deputy ASA (CW), Project Planning & Review at 202-761-0016.

I am sending an identical letter to Representative DeFazio and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works, United States Senate.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo-Ellen Darcy", is written over a printed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)

Enclosure