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Dear Mr. Serio:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reviewed the Public Notices for the Department of the Army permits listed on the enclosed page. This report is submitted in accordance with provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.).

The Service does not object to permit issuance for the proposed activities provided that compensatory mitigation to offset unavoidable impacts to fish and wildlife resources is required as a permit condition. We recommend that compensatory mitigation projects be selected and designed in consultation with the Corps of Engineers, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and other interested natural resource agencies. These projects shall be implemented concurrently with project construction.

The above findings and recommendation constitute the report of the Department of Interior. Please contact Patti Holland (Patti_Holland@fws.gov) of this office, if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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