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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

April 4, 2014

Planning and Environmental Branch

Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is our *Upper Ohio Navigation Study, Pennsylvania, Draft Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Impact Statement*. This study recommends congressional authorization for one new replacement lock chamber at each of Emsworth, Dashields, and Montgomery Locks and Dams, to maintain safe and reliable navigation through these existing Upper Ohio River facilities. The study also evaluated, but does not recommend, potential ecosystem restoration projects. Historic preservation compliance is addressed in the report, as are environmental commitments made in the Corps' Ohio River Mainstem System Study (ORMSS, 2011), including the evaluation of fish passage strategies.

The 45-day review period will begin with notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in the Federal Register. Notice is anticipated Friday, April 18, 2014, which will place the end of the comment period at June 2, 2014. Your comments may be submitted in writing to my attention at the above address, or by email to OhioRiverNFS@usace.army.mil.

On the enclosed disk you will find the *Draft Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Impact Statement's* Main Report, Executive Summary, and various supporting Appendices on plan formulation, economic, engineering, environmental, cultural resources, and other subjects, including the ORMSS report. Any technical questions should be emailed to OhioRiverNFS@usace.army.mil.

Thank you for your interest in our study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John N. Peukert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John N. Peukert
Chief, Planning and Environmental Branch

Enclosure