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NORTH DAKOTA REGULATORY OFFICE
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North Dakota Regulatory Office

[NWO-2014-0236-BIS]



Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your April 19, 2014, request for a public hearing, on behalf of residents of Bakke, Hickson and Oxbow, in connection with the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Authority's (FMDA) application for a Department of the Army (DA), US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), permit to construct the Oxbow, Hickson, Bakke (OHB) Ring Levee Project. The subject application has been withdrawn by the FMDA in light of the enactment of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (June 10, 2014) and authorization of the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project (Federal Project), which includes the OHB Project. **The application for a stand-alone project is no longer necessary, as the OHB Project is part of the overall Federal Project.**

Although the application has been withdrawn, the concerns and/or issues raised by you (and others) have been brought to my attention and are included in the public record. I believe the record, compiled through the Corps' National Environmental Policy Act, Section 404(b)(1) compliance and public coordination processes, contains adequate information and provisions regarding your concerns and/or issues. Therefore, I have determined that a public hearing is not required.

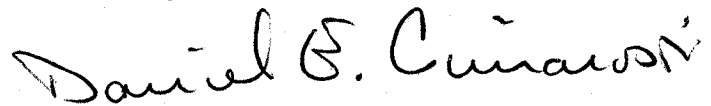
We appreciate your concerns and they will be considered and/or addressed during the preparation and issuance of a DA permit(s) for the Federal Project.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Aaron Snyder, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CEMVP-PM-B, 180th Fifth Street East, Suite 700, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1678.

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If you have any questions concerning this determination, please feel free to contact Mr. Matthew Mikulecky, of this office at (701) 255-0015, extension 2009, and reference project number **NWO-2014-0236-BIS**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel E. Cimarosti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' at the beginning.

Daniel E. Cimarosti
Regulatory Program Manager
North Dakota