

Date: June 19, 2017

To: Parties on the EAW Distribution List / Other Interested Parties

From: Kate Fairman, EAW Project Manager

RE: Lower Pool 2 Channel Management Study: Boulanger Bend to Lock and Dam No. 2 Maintenance Project Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Enclosed please find a copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) that has been prepared for the Boulanger Bend to Lock and Dam No. 2 Maintenance Project located in Washington and Dakota Counties, Minnesota. This document has been prepared as a Mandatory EAW pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.4300, subpart 27A (Wetlands and Public Waters).

The project is proposed by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers and the DNR is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for the environmental review of this project. As allowed by Minnesota Rules, part 4410.1300, the Environmental Assessment (EA) that was prepared for the project is being circulated in place of the EAW form, with Appendix I indicating how the EA addresses each of the environmental effects identified in the EAW form. This signed cover letter serves as the certification found in the EAW form by the responsible governmental unit assuring the document's completeness and accuracy.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on June 26, 2017 with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the [EQB Monitor](#). The MNDNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from June 26, 2017 to July 26, 2017 at 4:30 pm. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- MNDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155
- MNDNR Central Region Headquarters, 1200 Warner Rd, St. Paul, MN 55106
- Hennepin County – Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, Second Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992
- Park Grove Branch, Washington County Library, 7900 Hemingway Avenue South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016
- Pleasant Hill Library, 1490 South Frontage Road, Hastings, MN 55033

The EAW is also posted on the MNDNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/boulanger-bend/index.html>

Written comments must be received by Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 4:30 pm and sent to:

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500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025

Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Bou langer Bend EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and U.S. mailing address.

Signed written comments may be sent via facsimile to (651) 296-1811. For additional information, or copies of the EAW, please call (651) 259-5082.



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Attachment: Environmental Assessment, Plates and Appendices A-L