



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

March 2, 2020

Jonathan Sobiech, Acting Deputy Chief
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US Army Corps of Engineers
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St. Paul, MN 55101-1678

RE: Upper Mississippi River Lock and Dam 2 Embankment Protective Island
T115 R17 S17, S20 & S21, Dakota County
SHPO Number: 2020-0967

Dear Mr. Sobiech,

Thank you for initiating consultation on the above project. Information received in our office on January 30, 2020 has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Officer by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and implementing federal regulations at 36 CFR 800.

Undertaking and Area of Potential Effect

As we understand it, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District (Corps), is proposing to construct a protective island in the Mississippi River using dredged material to protect the Lock and Dam 2 Embankment from wave action. Material used to construct the island would be obtained from existing temporary dredged material placement sites (Lower Boulanger, Upper Boulanger and Pine Bend). We have completed our review of your correspondence along with the documentation provided in regards to your agency's determination of the area of potential effect (APE) for the Federal undertaking. We agree that this APE determination is generally appropriate to take into account the potential direct and indirect effects of the proposed undertaking as we currently understand it. As the project's scope of work is further defined, or if it is significantly altered from the current scope, additional consultation with our office may be necessary in order to revise the current APE.

Identification of Historic Properties

Archaeological Resources

The level of effort to identify historic properties, specifically archaeological sites, is appropriate based upon our understanding of the scope and nature of the proposed undertaking and the APE, as defined.

History/Architecture Properties

There is one historic property located within the APE for this project, the **Upper Mississippi River Nine-Foot Channel Navigation Project**, which has previously been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Exhibit 19-SHPO Concurrence Letter

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Assessment of Effect

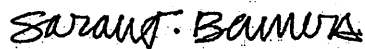
Based upon information provided to our office at this time, we concur with your agency's determination that the project, as currently proposed, will have **no effect** on historic properties.

Consulting Parties

It is our understanding that the Corps is concurrently consulting with Native American tribes who may have an ancestral interest in this area of the state. Therefore, the Corps will need to reopen consultation with our office if any tribes express concerns or disagreement with agency efforts to identify historic properties and/or the assessment of adverse effect.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our review. I can be reached at (651) 201-3290 or by e-mail at sarah.beimers@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



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cc: Brad Perkl, USACE District Archaeologist