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FINAL
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Integrated Environmental Assessment

APPENDIX 13

**Memorandum Regarding Recirculation
of
Draft DPR/EA**

**North Park Lake
Allegheny County, PA
Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem
Restoration Project**

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: North Park Lake, Section 206 Ecosystem Restoration Project, Re-circulation of Revised Draft Detailed Project Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment

1. A draft Detailed Project Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), developed by the Pittsburgh District for the subject project, was circulated for public review in late summer 2006 to fulfill requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.2, 1501.3 (b) and 1501.4(e)(2)).
2. The 2006 draft report described the environmental effects of the recommended plan, which consisted primarily of removing approximately 400,000 cubic yards of sediment from the entire 65 acre lake down to the elevation of the original lake bottom contours.
3. Due to cost over-runs, the project was reformulated in 2007 and reduced in scope to fall within the Section 206 program cost limits. Instead of dredging 400,000 cubic yards of sediment from the entire lake bottom, the Corps reduced the footprint of the project and will remove approximately 104,000 cubic yards of sediment from a 33 acres portion of the lake down to original lake bottom contours.
4. The method of dredging and identified disposal areas remain the same as originally described in the 2006 draft report. The only major difference between the original plan and the revised plan is the reduced level of dredging.
5. An ITR comment on the revised draft report recommended that it again be circulated for another 30 day public review period to meet NEPA coordination requirements. It was the District's position that another NEPA review was not required because the revised project is simply a reduced scale version of the original plan.
6. On November 9, 2007 Tom McHugh (CELRP-OC) and Larry Moskovitz (CELRP-BR-E) spoke with Ann Navaro (CECC - LRD) who confirmed the District's position that the environmental assessment of the original report adequately covered all the impacts of the revised project and that re-circulation of the draft report and EA for public review and comment to comply with NEPA was unnecessary.
7. Copies of the revised final report and FONSI will be sent to agencies and individuals for information who responded with comments on the original 2006 draft report. In addition, a copy of the final report and FONSI will be placed on the District's Web page for public information.

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