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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL WORKS

SUBJECT: East Branch Dam, Elk County, Pennsylvania, Dam Safety Major Rehabilitation Modification Report

This responds to Mr. Dalton's memoranda dated October 22, 2010 and June 15, 2011, which transmitted a copy of the subject report and requested concurrence for site preparation activities in Fiscal Year 2011, respectively.

This office concurs with using Construction funds from the Dam Safety and Seepage/Stability Correction Program (i.e., wedge funds) in Fiscal Year 2011 to continue engineering and design, start plans and specifications and initiate construction (i.e., site preparation) for this Dam Safety Major Rehabilitation project. The site preparation construction contract financed from the wedge must be fully funded at the time of award. Continuing contracts shall not be awarded with wedge funds for this project or any other project. After Fiscal Year 2012, the East Branch project will be considered in the budget separately as a continuing construction line item under the Construction Program.

The primary purpose of the wedge is to fund preconstruction engineering and design activities. Only in rare cases should wedge funds be used to award construction contracts, and only after prior approval is obtained from this office for any such award. Careful consideration should be given to the Dam Safety Action Classification, national priorities and overall funding limitations before any request is submitted to award a construction contract with wedge funds.


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