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August 8, 2011

Ms. Sharon R. Cotner  
PUSRAP Program Manager  
U.S. Department of the Army  
St. Louis District Corps of Engineers  
8945 Latty Avenue  
Berkeley, Missouri 63134

Dear Ms. Cotner:

This responds to your June 17, 2011 letter with attached Biological Assessment and supplemental noise information received on July 21, 2011 for the proposed remedial actions under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant near Middletown, Iowa. The remedial actions include the soil and structural removal activities at the Firing Sites Area and Line 1 buildings as described in the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan prepared in accordance to CERCLA.

You requested our concurrence on your effects determination pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. We have reviewed the information provided in your letter, Biological Assessment, and supplemental noise information. We concur with your determination that the proposed remedial actions will not likely adversely affect federally listed species in the action area since the construction activities are not in suitable habitat.

This precludes the need for further action on this project as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Should the project be modified or new information indicate endangered species may be affected, consultation should be initiated.

This letter provides comments under the authority of and in accordance with provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) Thank you for the opportunity to coordinate with you on this matter. Please feel free to call me at extension 201 or Mike Coffey of my staff at extension 206 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Nelson  
Field Supervisor

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