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ST. LOUIS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS ROBERT A. YOUNG BUILDING - 1222 SPRUCE ST. ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103-2833

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Reply to:

Regional Planning and Environmental Division North Environmental Compliance Section (PD-C)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The St. Louis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) with unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to evaluate securing real estate land easements to 12 access points at Lake Shelbyville that cross private lands in order to gain access to fee owned lands.

This document serves to notify the public of the proposed action and analyze the probable environmental impacts of the alternatives. You are receiving this letter because you may be interested in the proposed action. The electronic version of these documents are available online at:

http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Portals/54/docs/pm/Reports/EA/DRAFTEAShelbyvillePrivateRoadRealEstateLandEasements.pdf, or you may request a copy of the draft EA and FONSI be mailed to you.

The private land for which USACE seeks 12 real estate easements to access federal land is located near Lake Shelbyville in Shelby and Moultrie counties, Illinois. Currently, access to land owned by the USACE may be eliminated at the discretion of individual landowners. These access roads are currently grass or gravel, and there are no plans for widening or improvement aside from routine maintenance. The FONSI summarizes the anticipated effects of the action on the environment, and is unsigned. The FONSI will be signed into effect only after comments received as a result of this public review have been carefully considered. A signed FONSI is required before implementation of the action can occur.

Please provide any comments you may have regarding this project. For questions, comments, or to request a printed copy, please contact: Dr. Teri Allen of the Environmental Compliance Section, **telephone** 314-331-8084, or **e-mail** at Teri.C.Allen@usace.army.mil. Written comments may be sent to the address below, ATTN: Environmental and Planning Section (PD-C, Allen). **Please respond by close of business on Monday, 27 August 2018, in order to have your comments considered**.

Address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District Regional Planning and Environmental Division North Environmental Compliance Section (CEMVP-PD-C) 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

Sincerely,

Brian L. Johnson

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