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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Mr. David St. Pierre, P.E.
Executive Director, MWRDGC
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Dear Mr. St. Pierre:

This letter sets forth the process for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) to join the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, on our Upper Des Plaines River and Tributaries, Integrated Feasibility Report as a local sponsor. Due to changes in Cook County policy, Cook County is requesting that MWRDGC take its place as a local sponsor on this study.

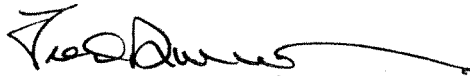
This feasibility report represents Phase II of our work on the Des Plaines River. Phase I was authorized in 1999 to build six projects along the main stem of the Des Plaines River with three projects in Lake County and three in Cook County. At the same time that construction for Phase I was authorized, Congress directed USACE to conduct a Phase II study that included all of the tributaries and extended up into Wisconsin. This study was tasked not only to look at flood damage reduction, but also at ecosystem restoration and protection, water quality, recreation, and related purposes.

The current local sponsors for the Phase II report are Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Cook County, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, and Kenosha County. The original Cook County designee was the Department of Transportation and Highways, but they have requested that responsibility be transferred to MWRDGC in light of some relevant policy changes. Questions about the basis for the Cook County request should be directed to Cook County.

Enclosed you will find the proposed amendment to our Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement along with the latest version of the Project Management Plan (PMP). The PMP discusses all of the remaining work and the expected costs. Exhibit A gives the current fiscal details for the project along with the expected expenses for each local sponsor. If MWRDGC agrees to become a local sponsor, MWRDGC would assume the Cook County share of the feasibility study costs.

Should you have any questions regarding these documents or the project, please contact the Project Manager, Jeffrey Zuercher at (312) 846-5558, or e-mail: Jeffrey.K.Zuecher@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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