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Dear Ms. Arcuri:

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter sent to Ms. Cindy Whetsell on March 27, 2008, with the 2007 annual inspection ratings for the Petersburg Levee Project, Grant County, West Virginia. This copy is for your review and files.

Sincerely,

DENIS L. duBREUIL
Maintenance Supervisor

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March 28, 2008

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Ms. Cindy Whetsell
Administrator, Grant County Commission
5 Highland Avenue
Petersburg, West Virginia 26847

Dear Ms. Whetsell:

This letter is to notify you of the inspection ratings for the Petersburg Levee Project, Grant County, West Virginia and transmit the final inspection reports. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE) performed a levee inspection on September 20, 2007. In a change from the past, two inspection reports are being generated for the Petersburg project. This is being done because the Petersburg Levee Project can be divided into two project systems, the North Petersburg system and South Petersburg system. Each provides flood damage reduction for separate protected areas, independent from the other system. Refer to Enclosure 1 for a map depicting the two project systems. Enclosure 2 is a detailed Petersburg project map.

Both the North Petersburg system and the South Petersburg system received overall project ratings of minimally acceptable. Please refer to the inspection reports (Enclosures 3 and 4) for the details on these ratings, and a description of the individual project features receiving a rating of minimally acceptable, or "M". **All items rated minimally acceptable should be corrected prior to September 20, 2009.** If these items are not corrected within this timeframe, the respective project system will immediately receive an overall system rating of unacceptable.

Of particular concern for both North and South Petersburg is continued vegetation maintenance. You and your staff are commended for the expedient and thorough vegetation clearing along the North Petersburg levee and floodwall last fall. However, the City and County must commit to regular vegetation maintenance, or unwanted growth will continue to be a problem. The large channel deposits in the vicinity of the Route 220 Bridge are also critical. The County should perform a channel survey to determine, in coordination with USACE, the debris quantity which should be removed from the channel. The County should then identify funding and resources available to help perform the debris removal.

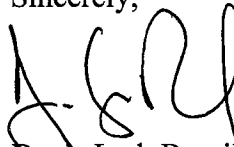
Please note that it is incumbent upon you, in accordance with the project Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual, to ensure the project is continuously maintained and operated to obtain the maximum benefits and insure serviceability. Per the O&M Manual, you are required to perform routine inspections to determine if there are other project deficiencies.

Both North and South Petersburg currently remain eligible for rehabilitation assistance under the USACE Rehabilitation Inspection Program, as associated with PL 84-99. If the required maintenance is not completed and either system receives an unacceptable rating, then that **project system will not be eligible** for this PL84-99 rehabilitation assistance.

Regarding levee certification, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Provisionally Accredited Levee (PAL) Program. The correction of the maintenance deficiencies does not imply the levees meet certification requirements for NFIP or meet eligibility for the PAL Program. FEMA will make the final determinations for these programs.

We have provided a copy of this letter to FEMA Region III and the State of West Virginia. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (717) 770-7312.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. duBreuil", written over a horizontal line.

Denis L. duBreuil
Maintenance Supervisor

Enclosures

