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Kirsten Brown
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RE: Fox Metro Water Reclamation District - Treatment Facility Expansion
Project Number(s): 1506459 (USACE P-2014-1343), 1506420 (OWR S20140269)
County: Kendall

Dear Ms. Brown:

In response to the USACE public notice dated November 5, 2014, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Impact Assessment Section is currently reviewing the above mentioned project via the Office of Water Resources permit application **S20140269**. The project involves expansion of the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District's wastewater treatment facility at Fox River mile 45.0 in Kendall County. The project also involves installation of a new 42" interceptor pipe across the Fox River. Construction of a temporary cofferdam will be necessary to install the interceptor pipe.

Recent records of the state-endangered greater redhorse (*Moxostoma valenciennesi*) exist in the project footprint, as well as records of the state-threatened river redhorse (*Moxostoma carinatum*) in the project vicinity. The Department is concerned about impacts to these species' from construction of the interceptor pipe and related coffer dams in the Fox River. The Department will continue its review and make a final determination on impacts to protected resources via the Office of Water Resources permit application process.

Please note that this review does not preclude permit decisions made by the IDNR Office of Water Resources under the Illinois Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this review.

Sincerely

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