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**RE: Portable Spud Barge Dock System**  
**Project Number(s): 1507749 [S20140320]**  
**County: Madison**

Dear Mr. Mueller:

This letter is in reference to the above project recently submitted for consultation related to an Office of Water Resources permit application (S20140320). The Department recently reviewed this project under Army Corps Public Notice P-2914 (Letter attached).

The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources in the vicinity of the proposed action. The resources include the state-endangered western sand darter (*Ammocrypta clarum*) and the state-threatened peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*). The Department conducted a site visit on January 6, 2015 and determined impacts to the Western Sand Darter are unlikely. Impacts to the peregrine falcon are also unlikely.

The Department recommended the proposed tree clearing restriction (April 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>) by the USFWS to mitigate impacts to the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and proposed as endangered northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) be observed.

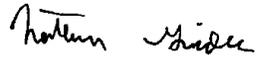
The project was also reviewed for cultural resource impacts and was determined to be in compliance with the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act.

Consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated. This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and

regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

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cc: Jerry Bishoff – IDNR, OWR

ATCH. USACE Letter 1507383 [P-2914]



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Pat Quinn, Governor  
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January 07, 2015

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**RE: Portable Spud Barge Dock System**  
**Project Number(s): 1507383 [S20140320]**  
**County: Madison**

Dear Mr. Frerker:

This letter is in reference to the above mentioned project involving installation of a portable spud barge dock system to load and unload barges. Three barges will be connected together and held with spuds and deadmen tie-offs upstream and downstream.

The natural resource review identified protected resources in the vicinity of the proposed action. The resources include the state-endangered western sand darter (*Ammocrypta clarum*) and the state-threatened peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*). The Department conducted a site visit on January 6, 2015 and determined impacts to the Western Sand Darter are unlikely. Impacts to the peregrine falcon are also unlikely.

The Department concurs with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services recommendations in the letter dated January 2, 2015 to mitigate impacts to the state and federally-endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and proposed as endangered northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*).

Given this recommendation is adopted; the Department has no objections to the issuance of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit.

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

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this review.

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cc: Atwood Butch – IDNR, Fisheries Division  
Matt Mangan - USFWS