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Jenny Larsen
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Hager Slough Special Drainage District
Project Number(s): 1605878
County: Cass

Dear Mrs. Larsen:

This letter is in reference to the project you recently submitted for consultation. The Department has reviewed this project and provided recommendations to avoid and minimize adverse impacts for US Army Corps of Engineers permit 2014-639 (see attached). An Office of Water Resources permit submitted through EcoCAT for review is also currently pending. Given ongoing coordination on this project, the Department has no objections to the issuance of a 401 IEPA permit.

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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