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Dear :

This is in regard to your project titled: <<title of project, LRL-2012-xxx-pgj>>, xxx County, Kentucky. The project includes approximately <<xxx linear feet of ephemeral stream re-establishment, yyy linear feet of intermittent stream rehabilitation, zzz acres of riparian buffer protection and approximately aaa acre of wetland restoration and enhancement>> and is located at <<lat/long, decimal degrees>>. The project would <<insert short statement on how the project site is consistent with CPF>>.

On <<site visit date>>>, the Corps conducted an Early Coordination/Pre-Application Site Visit. Staff from the following Interagency Review Team (IRT) agencies attended the site visit: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW), and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). In response to the Early Coordination/IRT Comment Period, we received correspondence from the USFWS (dated xxx), USEPA (dated xxx), KDOW (dated xxx), and KDFWR (dated xxxxx). Additionally, the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer (KYSHPO) provided comments (dated xxxxx). Copies of these letters are enclosed.

The Corps has reviewed all comments received associated with this project. Based on this review, analysis of the Concept Plan and observations and discussions made during the site visit, as well as the <<Northern Kentucky University, Center for Applied Ecology’s (NKU-CAE) In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Instrument or Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources>>, (LRL-2010-32x), the Corps is in support of this project provided the following items are addressed:








In accordance with the procedures detailed in the “Letter of Permission for New Mitigation Projects Associated with Approved Compensatory Mitigation Banking and In-Lieu Fee Instruments” (LRL-2010-323), issued on September 27, 2011, we are forwarding the Early Coordination Agency Comments to you for your review. Please take this opportunity to resolve or rebut any concerns expressed in the agencies’ letters.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office by writing to the above address, ATTN: CELRL‑OP‑FS, or by calling me at 502-315-6687. A copy of this letter is being provided to the IRT and the KYSHPO.

Sincerely

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Enclosures Grace-Jarrett/OP-FS/rb/LRL-2012-433/LRL 2012

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