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March 2, 2017

Programs and Project Management Division
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Mr. Grover Fugate, Executive Director
Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879

Dear Mr. Fugate:

Section 1002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) allows for greater transparency in the notification and reporting of feasibility study milestones. WRRDA Section 1002 requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Engineer to provide non-Federal interests a notification of feasibility study milestone schedules for all active studies that received Investigation appropriations since October 1, 2009 until June 10, 2014. Studies initiated after June 10, 2014 also require notification of five key milestones within 90 days of signing the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement. Section 1002 further requires notification if milestone dates are not met.

On May 25, 2016, we provided the following study schedule for the Pawcatuck River & Rhode Island Coastal Investigation Feasibility Study:

Release of the Draft Feasibility Report	October 14, 2016
District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report	March 31, 2017
MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report	May 2, 2017
Civil Works Review Board	June 29, 2017
Signed Chief's Report	October 12, 2017

However, due to the additional time needed to review the draft report and address all comments, completion of the Final Feasibility Report scheduled for March 31, 2017 will be delayed until August 25, 2017. The remaining scheduled milestone dates will be similarly delayed. This letter provides formal notification of the change in schedule. The new schedule is now as follows:

Release of the Draft Feasibility Report (completed)	October 18, 2016
District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report	August 25, 2017
MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report	October 26, 2017
Civil Works Review Board	December 19, 2017
Signed Chief's Report	March 30, 2018

If you have any questions please contact Christopher Hatfield, Study Manager at the New England District of the Corps at (978) 318-8520.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CJ Barron', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Christopher J. Barron
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Division Engineer