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Ms. Katie S. Dykes, Commissioner Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Ms. Dykes:

On August 1, 2019 we wrote to you regarding the Fairfield and New Haven Counties, CT Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study milestone schedule. Section 1002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WWRDA) 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 initiated after June 10, 2014. Section 1002 further requires notification if milestone dates are not met. Provided below are the updated reportable milestones associated with the Fairfield and New Haven Counties, CT Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study.

Release of the Draft Feasibility Report

District Submittal of the Final Feasibility

MSC Transmittal of the Final Report

Feasibility Report Signed Chief's Report

19 December 2019

14 August 2020

14 October 2020

18 December 2020

This schedule may be revised as the study progresses based on refinements to the study scope. Up-to-date study schedules will be posted and available to the public on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters website at: http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/ProjectPlanning/Legislativelinks/wrrd a2014.aspx. All schedules and missed deadlines will also be submitted in an annual report to Congress.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and the CTDEEP on this coastal storm risk management feasibility study. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Byron Rupp, Study Manager at (978) 318-8172 at the New England District of the Corps.

Sincerely,

John A. Atilano II Colonel, Corps of Engineers District Engineer