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July 19, 2018

Programs and Project Management Division
Programs Management Branch

Mr. Grover Fugate, Executive Director
Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council
4808 Tower Hill Road
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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 between October 1, 2009 and 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 March 2, 2017, we provided the following study schedule for the Pawcatuck River & Rhode Island Coastal Investigation Feasibility Study:

Release of the Draft Feasibility Report (completed)	October 18, 2016
District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report	December 21, 2017
MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report	January 22, 2018
Civil Works Review Board	No longer required
Signed Chief's Report	May 31, 2018

However, due to the additional time needed for review and approval of the locally preferred plan, completion of the Final Feasibility Report scheduled for January 22, 2018 was delayed until March 16, 2018. The remaining scheduled milestone dates will also be delayed. This letter provides formal notification of the change in schedule. The new schedule is now as follows:

Release of the Draft Feasibility Report
District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report
MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report
Senior Leaders Panel
Signed Chief's Report

October 18, 2016
December 21, 2017
March 16, 2018
July 6, 2018
September 30, 2018

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Christopher Hatfield, Study Manager, New England District, Corps of Engineers, who may be reached at (978) 318-8520.

Sincerely,



William M. Conde
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer