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Dear Recipient:

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (USACE) is releasing for public comment the draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (IFR/EA) for the Horlick Dam, Root River Restoration project in Racine, Wisconsin as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Racine County Public Works is partnering with USACE to assess the feasibility of restoring riverine habitat and connectivity for fishes, mussels, and wildlife along a stretch of the Root River. The study area is in the immediate vicinity of the Horlick Dam, approximately six miles from Lake Michigan, and includes the upstream impoundment area. This study is being conducted under Section 506 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

The draft IFR/EA considered five alternative plans to restore riverine habitat and connectivity including the No Action Alternative. The Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) includes full removal of the Horlick Dam. The TSP would involve staged dewatering and dismantling of the structure, including the entire spillway and dam structure.

The draft IFR/EA is available online at the following webpage:  
<https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works-Projects/Public-Review-Documents/>.

USACE is accepting comments through June 30, 2023. Comments or questions can be sent to Ms. Samantha Belcik, Biologist, by email at [samantha.d.belcik@usace.army.mil](mailto:samantha.d.belcik@usace.army.mil).

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