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Dear Recipient:

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (Corps) will be preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document on the impacts associated with the proposed replacement of lift stations in Lake Station, Lake County, Indiana.

During significant rain events, the capacity of the existing sanitary sewers in Lake Station is exceeded due to infiltration and inflow. This results in sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) to the Little Calumet River, the Deep River and eventually Lake Michigan. These SSOs contribute to pollution and health hazards in the rivers, connected streams and ditches and Lake Michigan.

The Lake Station Sanitary District is working with the Corps to replace lift stations and reroute sanitary flows. Upgrading lift stations would provide additional pumping capacity. Rerouting sanitary flows would free up flow capacity, result in fewer SSOs, and improve the water quality in the rivers, connected streams and ditches and Lake Michigan. Project boundaries are shown in Enclosure 1.

As part of the NEPA scoping process, the Chicago District would appreciate any comments or concerns you might have about any potential impacts from this proposed project. This could include impacts to various habitats, threatened and endangered species, or cultural and social resources. After receiving the scoping input and conducting its impact assessment, the Corps will release a draft NEPA document for a formal public review. Enclosure 2 is a list of State and Federal Agencies, Tribal Nations and general public receiving this request.

In light of the COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders in the State of Illinois, USACE is asking that comments be submitted electronically by May 5, 2020 to Mr. Robbie Sliwinski, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at robbie.sliwinski@usace.army.mil. Questions should be directed to Mr. Sliwinski at (312) 846-5486.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures