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Mr. Richard Boornazian
Assistant Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Mr. Richard Boornazian:

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.

This certified letter provides the current study schedule for the following five key milestones associated with the *Delaware River Basin Comprehensive Interim Feasibility Study for New Jersey*:

<u>Milestone Date</u>	<u>Milestone</u>
July 24, 2015	Release of the Draft Feasibility Report
August 31, 2016	District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report
October 6, 2017	MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report
December 9, 2016	Civil Works Review Board
April 13, 2017	Signed Chief's Report

Schedules are based on the assumption of full-funding (Federal and non-Federal) over the course of the study. Up-to-date study schedules will be posted and available to the public on the (Insert name/link to public website) website. All schedules and missed deadlines will also be submitted in an annual report to Congress. If you have any questions please contact Erik Rourke, Chief Project Development Branch at (215) 656-6616 or through email at erik.j.rourke@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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