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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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100 Penn Square East  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390

10/19/05

Re: Comments on the 2005-2006 Lehigh River Plans

Dear Sirs,

With the 2005 plan, great progress was made towards having regular, worthwhile whitewater releases on the Lehigh River. We would like to thank the Corps for its efforts in this regard. We also appreciate the Corps' willingness to listen to our feedback; for its increased responsiveness; and for having allowed us to participate in the process.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the 2005 plan fell far short of meeting our interests or our goals, as set forth in the Lehigh Valley Canoe Club Interest Statement. The primary hindrance to realizing the true recreational and economic potential of the Lehigh River is, as always, water. We believe all interested parties recognize the necessity to hold more water if your goals and our interests are to be met. We suggest building the 2006 pool to a minimum of 1392 feet, which is the level the Corps established, could be held in recent years without compromising the dam's primary purpose of flood control. We also would like to emphasize the importance timely and accurate information regarding release levels has to **maximizing the use** of this incredible resource and the economic opportunities related thereto.

For more details on what we are seeking, we would ask that you re-visit our Interest Statement, a copy of which is attached, as our goals for 2006 remain the same as they were for 2005.

In closing, we would again like to thank you for including us in this process as a stakeholder and we look forward to continuing to representing the interests of private boaters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Schneller', written over a white background.

John Schneller, Chair, Lehigh Lovers United Committee