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### **Rehabilitation of Damaged Flood Control Works, McMichael Creek Levee, Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania**

Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, the Philadelphia District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposes to restore approximately 75 linear feet of a damaged portion of the McMichael Creek Levee embankment. The Corps will replace missing riprap to provide the original full design stability. (see attached cross-section figure)

The McMichael Creek Levee is located in the Boroughs of Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania constructed the flood protection system along both Brodhead and McMichael Creeks in 1960-62 and then turned it over to the Boroughs of Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg for operation and maintenance. The total flood protection system consists of earthen levees along Brodhead, McMichael, and Little Sambo Creeks; ponding areas, drainage structures, and a pumping station to provide for interior drainage; two concrete floodwalls; two concrete retaining walls; and channel improvements. The project has been repaired several times under the Public Law 84-99 program with the last repair being in 1997, as a result of storm damage to the McMichael Creek Levee in 1996.

The damaged area is on the left bank of McMichael Creek about 1500 feet upstream of its confluence with Brodhead Creek. The maintained levee system was constructed to provide a 500-year level of protection. The specific structures in the study area susceptible to flooding from a levee failure at the McMichael Creek location include a significant part of the borough's commercial district and the borough wastewater treatment plant.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been developed for this project and is being circulated to the appropriate state and federal agencies, and other public interests. The public and all agencies are invited to comment on this proposal. Any person may request, in writing, to the District Engineer, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public

hearing be held to consider this proposal. Requests for a public hearing shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Impacts to water quality have been evaluated in accordance with the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines of the Clean Water Act, and are not adverse. Requests for this document should be made to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, Environmental Resources Branch at (215) 656-6542.

In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, Water Quality Certification for the selected plan has been received from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, the proposed work will not adversely affect listed species or their critical habitat. Review of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties, or properties listed as eligible for inclusion, would be impacted.

All practicable means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects have been incorporated into the recommended plan.

All comments on the work described in this public notice should be directed to Mr. Minas M. Arabatzis, ATTN: Environmental Resources Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390 by 17 June 2005.

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