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Mr. Ward Lenz
Chief, Regulatory Branch
Rock Island District Corps of Engineers
Clock Tower Building – PO BOX 2004
Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

Subject: Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Regional Permit 27
Emergency Reconstruction and Repair Activities for Flood Damaged Areas in All Waters of
the United States in the State of Iowa (CEMVR-OD-P-2015-0966)

Dear Mr. Lenz,

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has examined the information furnished by the Rock Island District Corps of Engineers in the February 8, 2016 Joint Public Notice and the final Regional Permit 27. This conditional Section 401 Water Quality Certification is hereby granted for Regional Permit 27 by the IDNR under the authority of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The IDNR certifies RP 27 (CEMVR-OD-P-2015-0966) because there is reasonable expectation that the activities identified within it will be conducted in a manner that will not violate Iowa's water quality standards.

Conditions

1. For any project that occurs on a water body listed in the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) "Special Waters of Concern" list, the Corps of Engineers will contact the IDNR for project-specific comments/conditions to protect the water quality/aquatic resources of the site prior to finalizing the permit decision. The list of Special Waters of Concern can be found on the IDNR website.
2. An individual Section 401 Water Quality Certification will be required for any project occurring within an Outstanding Iowa Water or its designated watershed/drainage area. The list and maps of the Outstanding Iowa Waters and their designated watersheds/drainage areas can be found on the IDNR website.
3. An individual Section 401 water quality certification will be required for projects that impact fens, bogs, seeps, or sedge meadows.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Section 401 Water Quality Certification, please contact me at the address shown below or call (515) 725-8399.

Sincerely,

Christine M. Schwake
Environmental Specialist