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Mr. Dan Repay
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Little Calumet River Levees – 2020 West Reach Levee Inspections

Dear Mr. Repay,

This letter is to transmit to you our findings from the inspections of the levee segments conducted in July 2020. The reports consist of the standard Inspection Checklist, photos taken during the inspection, and a map showing the locations of areas for your attention. The Levee Segments have received the following ratings:

Segment/System	Preliminary Inspection Rating	Rehabilitation Program Status
Munster	Minimally Acceptable	Active
Hammond	Minimally Acceptable	Active
Highland	Minimally Acceptable	Active
Forest Ave	Minimally Acceptable	Active

Deficiencies noted in the report should be addressed to ensure significant performance problems do not develop. All interim eligibility criteria for determining eligibility in the Rehabilitation Program have been met for all levee segments and therefore are considered 'Active' in the P.L. 84-99 program.

The Project Cooperation Agreement requires that the communities be informed of the limitations of protection provided by the project and that the levee is only part of an overall plan to manage their flood risks. It is requested that you provide us documentation of your outreach and notifications for our records.

As a reminder, these inspection ratings will be posted to the National Levee Database (NLD) at <https://levees.sec.usace.army.mil/> and available to the public. The attached reports are considered 'For Official Use Only' (FOUO) and will only be available to authorized individuals.

The purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Levee Safety Program is to make sure levee systems are reliable and do not present unacceptable risks to the public, property or the environment, with the emphasis on public safety. Two important principles that guide our program are the shared responsibility among partners at all levels for levee safety and the need for continuous and periodic project inspections and assessments.

We remain available to discuss the deficiencies and appropriate repair measures or other technical questions that you may have. Please be sure to coordinate with our office to have any work near the levee reviewed and approved before allowing any work to proceed. Our reviews are to ensure the integrity of the levee is not compromised by the proposed work and the levees will continue to function as designed.

For the levee segments in an 'Active' status, we will coordinate with you to conduct our next Routine Inspections in spring 2021. In addition to the routine inspections mentioned, we will be conducting Periodic Inspections for the Gary Levee and the Burr Street Levee. A Periodic Inspection incorporates the findings of our Routine Inspection and includes a more detailed review of the performance of the levee since the previous Periodic Inspection, as well as an update of overall risk of the levee that may change the Levee Safety Action Classification (LSAC).

Please contact Yuki Galisanao (312-846-5458) or myself if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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1. Munster Levee Inspection Checklist
2. Hammond Levee Inspection Checklist
3. Highland Levee Inspection Checklist
4. Forest Ave Levee Inspection Checklist