

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

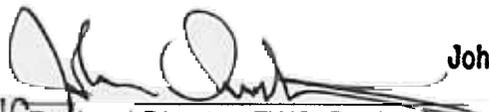
For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the Environmental Assessment and other supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that **constructing transient boat and boater facilities which will include 50 boat slips, security lighting, navigational aids, fuel service, sewage pump system, showers, laundry, access walks, site preparation, shore armoring and erosion control as part of an overall upgrade at an existing marina in Joyce's Slough which is located on the Mississippi River at the City of Clinton Iowa in Clinton County**, with federal funding support is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

1. Project development should have no impact on cultural resource or historic properties. (EA, Appendix E)
2. The public review period for the EA generated no comments or concerns.
3. The project site is not a favorable environment for the Higgins Eye Pearly mussel due to the heavy silt load in Joyce's Slough. A Phase I Section 7 Evaluation form has been submitted with the Grant Proposal. (EA, page 19 and Appendix E)
4. The proposed development lies within the floodplain and is designed to withstand a flood event with minimal impacts (EA, pages 6,10,12,15 and 20).
5. The sewage pumpout and fuel facilities will be located on a fuel/pumpout dock. Equipment will be installed and monitored to meet applicable requirements for such facilities (EA, pages 5,14-15 and 20).
6. All facilities will be ADA accessible.

Supporting References:

1. Supplemental Federal Aid Programmatic EIS, ROD dated 04-17-95
2. Section 7 Phase I and Phase II Evaluations
3. Environmental Assessment
4. Grant Proposal Program Narrative

  
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