

Facility: Rock Island, IL Ecological Services Field Office
Title: Yellow River, IA Fish Kill – Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that the proposed stream bank stabilization and restoration project in the Yellow River, Iowa 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. The construction of stream bank stabilization features will provide compensation for the lost ecological services related to the fish kill.
2. There are no known or anticipated endangered, threatened or candidate species or designated critical habitat that will be adversely affected by the project.
3. No known historic buildings will be affected by the project.
4. No known archeological resources will be affected by the project.
5. There will be benefits to biological resources.

Supporting References:

1. Environmental Assessment
3. Section 7 Consultation

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