



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
231 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604-1437

March 27, 2017

Technical Services Division  
Regulatory Branch  
LRC-2010-00518

SUBJECT: NEPA/404 Merger Process Concurrence for the Preferred Alternative for Illinois Route 131, Russell Road to Sunset Avenue, Lake County, Illinois

Catherine Batey  
Federal Highway Administration  
3250 Executive Park Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Dear Ms. Batey:

This letter is in response to your request that the Department of the Army (Corps) review the Illinois Route 131, Russell Road to Sunset Avenue Project and provide concurrence with the Preferred Alternative for the proposed project. Various Federal and state agencies are providing a concurrent review of the project under the terms and conditions as set forth in the "Statewide Implementation Agreement National Environmental Policy Act And Clean Water Act Section 404 Concurrent NEPA/404 Processes For Transportation Projects in Illinois".

Following attendance at the September 7, 2016 NEPA/404 Merger Meeting, a follow up meeting at IDOT offices on January 20, 2017, and a thorough review of the updated project documents, the Corps concurs that all applicable information has been received as it pertains to the Concurrence Point for the Preferred Alternative.

All three required Concurrence Points have now been completed. An application for a permit for the proposed project may be submitted to the Corps for final review and authorization. For additional information on submitting a permit application, please visit our website at: <http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Rimbault of my staff by telephone at (312) 846-5542, or email at [Julie.C.Rimbault@usace.army.mil](mailto:Julie.C.Rimbault@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

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Chief, East Section  
Regulatory Branch

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