

DRAFT
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
MOUNDS CREEK CULVERT TRASH RACK
PULASKI COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis District, intends to install a trash rack and bank protection at an existing culvert located in Pulaski County, Illinois. An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared to address potential impacts of this work on wildlife and aquatic resources, wetlands, prime and unique farmland, endangered species, cultural resources, and human environment.

The work meets the criteria for Nationwide Permit 13. A conditional water quality certification was issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. All conditions will be adhered to during project construction.

No wetlands would be impacted by the proposed work; therefore, no mitigation is required for this project. No HTRW sites are located in the immediate vicinity of the proposed work. No adverse impacts to agricultural lands will occur, therefore, there will be no impacts to prime and unique farmland. Any adverse impacts to wildlife and aquatic resources resulting from construction will be minimal and of short duration.

Due to the nature and location of the proposed work, work will not impact any cultural resources. The State Historic Preservation Officer has no objection to the undertaking proceeding as planned. No endangered or threatened species were observed during field inspections. Impacts to endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat are not anticipated.

As the environmental documentation for the proposed project does not indicate this to be a major federal action significantly affecting the human environment, I have determined that an environmental impact statement is not required.

Date

Thomas P. Smith
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer