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Ms. Kimberly Rightler  
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Dear Ms. Rightler:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District's (Corps) draft environmental assessment (DEA) supplementing information known about site conditions along the Segment R2 project area of the Green Brook Flood Damage Reduction Project (GBFDRP) in Bound Brook Borough, Somerset County, New Jersey. Segment R-2 is the remaining component of the Bound Brook element of the 7 element GBFDRP to be constructed. It proposes to construct a levee and floodwall along Middle Brook and Raritan River south of West Main Street.

The environmental impacts of the GBFDRP were previously assessed in the Corps' August 1980 *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Plan for the Green Brook Flood Control in the Green Brook Sub-Basin, Somerset, Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey* and corresponding May 1997 final supplemental environmental impact statement. This DEA addresses the presence of arsenic and chromium in the western portion of the Segment R2 project area identified in soil samples taken in 2001 and 2006 during the remediation action of the Brook Industrial Park Superfund Site.

Based on our review of the DEA, we agree with your finding of no significant impact from the proposed construction of the levee and floodwall in Segment R2 project area. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please call Lingard Knutson of my staff at (212) 637-3747.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Grace Musumeci".

Grace Musumeci, Chief  
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