



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
ST. PAUL DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
180 FIFTH STREET EAST, SUITE 700  
ST. PAUL, MN 55101-1678

OCTOBER 1, 2013

Hydraulics Section

The Honorable Dave Wagner  
President, Esmann Island Association  
356 First Avenue  
Guttenberg, IA 52052

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The technical data submitted in 2004 to the state of Iowa as part of the Upper Mississippi River Floodway Computation Study supports the fact any fill on Ables/Esmann Island, just upstream of Guttenberg, Iowa, will not adversely impact the 100-year flood elevations on the Mississippi River published in the effective Flood Insurance Study for Clayton County, Iowa dated June 2, 2011. Specifically, NFIP map panels 19043C0336E, 19043C0337E, and 19043C0350E (all with an effective date of June 2, 2011) would not be affected by any fill on Ables/Esmann Island.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this finding, please contact Mr. Aaron Buesing, Senior Hydraulic Engineer at (651) 290-5627.

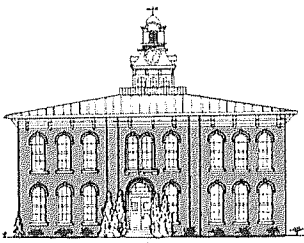
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron W. Buesing".

Patrick M. Foley  
Chief, Hydraulics Section  
Hydraulics, Hydrology, and Water Control Branch  
Engineering and Construction Division

cc:

Paul Machajewski, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, Channels and Harbors  
Kelly Stone, Iowa Department of Natural Resources



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Public Health Sanitarian

October 9, 2013

Esmann Island Owners Association  
C/O Dave Wagner, President  
356 First Ave  
Guttenberg, IA 52052

Dear Dave,

I have received a copy of the DNR's flood plain permit allowing the deposit of dredged material on the island. Enclosed please find a county flood plain permit application. Please fill it out and return it for the Corps dredging project as soon as possible. Also please include a copy of the "no-rise" certification you received from the Corps of Engineers.

The "no-rise" certification states that placement of any fill on Abel and Esmann Islands will "not adversely impact the 100-year flood elevations on the Mississippi River". Please note that the Corps' certification is intended to apply to the entire area of both islands, not just the dredge spoil stockpile site. This means that, even though the islands are still mapped as part of the floodway according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map effective June 2, 2011, the placement of other development there, such as homes, additions, storage buildings, fill, etc., would also not impact the 100-year flood elevations. The result of the Corps' "no-rise" certification covering the entire area of both islands is that applicants will no longer be required to provide individual "no-rise" certifications for development they propose on the islands. However, please be aware that because the islands are still considered part of the floodway, floodplain permits must still be obtained from the DNR before the placement of any fill or any other type of development occurs, no matter how small that development may be. This requirement also applies to buildings on skids. County floodplain permits, along with a county building permit, are also required before construction can start.

If you have any questions regarding the permitting process please call me or the DNR floodplain section.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet Ott".

Janet Ott, Administrator  
Clayton County Health and Zoning