



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Inland Environment Team
Planning and Environmental Division

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Dear Mr. Imm:

This is in response to your letter of February 18, 2011, which requested a 60-day extension of the formal consultation period to allow sufficient time to consider the additional information provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and others during the reinitiated consultation period for fat threeridge mussels and the RIOP operations at Jim Woodruff Dam. The Corps agrees that the new information recently made available should be thoroughly reviewed as part of the reinitiated consultation. Therefore, we agree it is appropriate to extend the formal Section 7 consultation period for an additional 60 days. This will extend the date of completion of consultation from the previously agreed to date of April 1, 2011 to the extended date of June 1, 2011.

If you have any questions regarding our consultation or the information provided to date, please contact [REDACTED] of the Inland Environment Team, [REDACTED], or Email: [REDACTED]. We look forward to continued progress as we work with you and your staff to complete our respective consultation responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Roemhildt, P.E.
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Commander