



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

December 20, 2006

The Honorable John P. Woodley, Jr.
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
108 Army Pentagon, Room 3E446
Washington, D.C. 20310-0108

Dear Mr. Woodley:

As required by Executive Order 12322, the Office of Management and Budget has completed its review of your recommendation of October 27, 2006, concerning the construction of a flood damage reduction project for the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

The Budget uses seven performance-based budgeting guidelines to allocate funding among Corps of Engineers construction projects to reduce the large construction backlog and improve the net economic and environmental return from the program. Under these guidelines, the project for the Town of Bloomsburg would not be designated a priority for funding in the Budget, because of its relatively low net economic benefits.

The Office of Management and Budget does not object to your submitting this report to Congress. However, when you do so, please advise the Congress that the Administration will give this project low priority for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Mertens".

Richard A. Mertens
Deputy Associate Director
Energy, Science, and Water Division