

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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LTG Todd T. Semonite
Chief of Engineers, Commanding General
United States Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Lieutenant General Semonite:

We continue to be concerned regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) St. Paul District's proposed 40-year dredge material plan for Lower Pool 4. We have heard an outpouring of concern and alarm from our constituents.

We are aware the Corps held public meetings in Nelson, WI on June 6th and in Wabasha, MN on June 15th in order to educate the general public and gather public comment. We appreciate that the public review period was extended through June 23. However we believe this is insufficient and urge you to extend the comment period to August 11.

At the June 15th public meeting in Wabasha, the representatives from the Corps stated that they had no choice but to proceed with the proposed plan because of federal regulations stating that they were required to implement the least-cost option. This least-cost option requirement is not in statute, but in Army Corps regulations. We therefore ask that the Corps change or waive this regulation in this instance and find alternative locations for the dredge material.

Sincerely,



Al Franken
United States Senator

Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator