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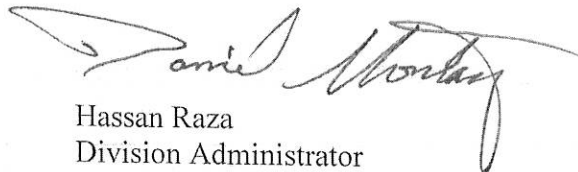
Dear Secretary Bhatt:

We have reviewed the October 2011 US 301 Design Refinement Report submitted to our office as part of the required project environmental reevaluation in accordance with 23 CFR 771.129. Based on review of the document and appended information supporting the sixteen (16) design refinements to the Selected Alternative, we have determined that the Record of Decision (ROD) issued April 30, 2008 remains valid and that the design refinements will not result in a significant change in socioeconomic, cultural or natural resources impacts as previously approved. In making this determination we have concluded based on the information provided that Section 4(f) does not apply to the C&D Canal property and the historic Armstrong-Walker House property. We have also determined that no additional noise analysis is required.

We understand that as the project progresses there may be additional project related refinements that may be required. We will coordinate with your staff on any of these changes to ensure that the ROD will remain valid.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Montag at 302-734-1719.

Sincerely yours,



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