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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Withdrawing Record of Decision for Final Supplement No. 2 to the 1982 Yazoo Area Pump Project Final Environmental Impact Statement

1. On November 17, 2021, Ms. Radhika Fox, the Assistant Administrator for Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), sent a letter to the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Mr. Jaime Pinkham, notifying the Army that EPA had reconsidered its November 30, 2020 letter concluding that EPA's 2008 Clean Water Act Section 404(c) Final Determination for the Yazoo Pump Project did not apply to the 2020 proposed plan for the Yazoo Pump Project described in the Draft Supplement No. 2 to the 1982 Yazoo Area Pump Project Final Environmental Impact Statement. In the November 17, 2021 letter, EPA determined that portions of its November 2020 letter were in error and that its 2008 404(c) determination did apply to the 2020 proposed plan for the Yazoo Pump Project.

2. Since EPA has now concluded that the 2008 Section 404(c) determination applies to the proposed plan covered by the Record of Decision that I signed on January 15, 2021, I must withdraw and reconsider that decision. In reconsidering the Corps' decision, we will work with EPA on the applicability of the 2008 Section 404(c) determination to any future plans that the Corps proposes. The Corps remains deeply concerned about how flooding impacts the residents and the economy of the lower Mississippi Delta, including environmental justice issues affecting the population. The Corps will work expeditiously to determine how to address these flooding impacts along with our federal, state, and local partners.

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