

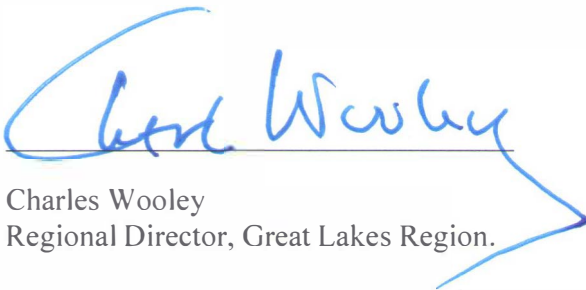
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Herculaneum Lead Smelter Site Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration: Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment

The U.S. Department of the Interior and the State of Missouri, collectively the Trustees, have completed a final Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (Herculaneum Final RP/EA) that explains the decision of the Trustees to implement restoration through the acquisition and conservation of property within or near the area of the Herculaneum Lead Smelter Site. The RP/EA describes a restoration project that will restore, replace, and/or acquire the equivalent of the natural resources injured, destroyed, or lost as a result of releases of hazardous substances at and from the Herculaneum Lead Smelter in Herculaneum, Missouri. Planned activity for which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducted an environmental assessment include acquisition and conservation of flood plain and upland habitat.

The draft RP/EA was available for public review and comment from February 20, 2020 through April 6, 2020. A notice of the draft RP/EA availability was published in the Federal Register on February 20, 2020 and in local media outlets, and on March 3, 2020 the Trustees held a public meeting in the City of Herculaneum to discuss the draft RP/EA, respond to questions from the public, and receive input on the preferred alternative for restoration. No comments were received.

Based on a review and evaluation of the information contained in the Final RP/EA, I have determined that the selected actions will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102 (2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Accordingly, the preparation of an environmental impact statement on the action is not necessary.



Charles Wooley
Regional Director, Great Lakes Region.

Responsible Official

MAY 26 2020

Date

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT

Within the spirit and intent of the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other statutes, orders and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and have determined that the action of the final *Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Herculaneum Lead Smelter Site Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration*:

___ is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 6 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1. No further documentation will therefore be made.

X is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

___ is found to have significant effects, and therefore further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the Federal Register announcing the decision to prepare an EIS.

___ is not approved because of unacceptable environmental damage, or violation of Fish and Wildlife Service mandates, policy, regulations, or procedures.

___ is an emergency action within the context of 40 CFR 1506.11. Only those actions necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency will be taken. Other related actions remain subject to NEPA review.

Other supporting documents (list):

Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Herculaneum
Lead Smelter Site Natural Resource Damage Assessment and
Restoration