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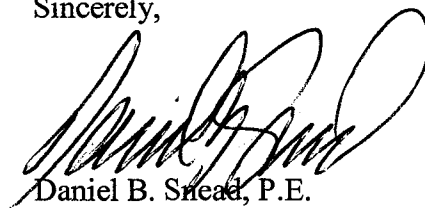
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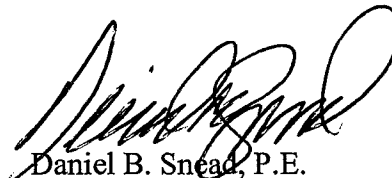
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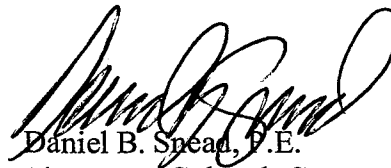
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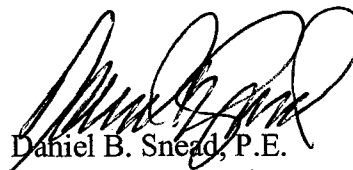
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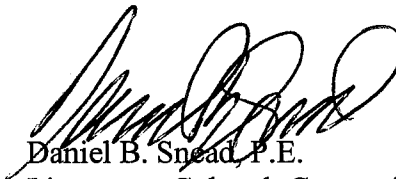
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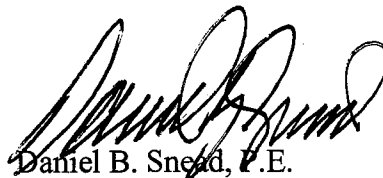
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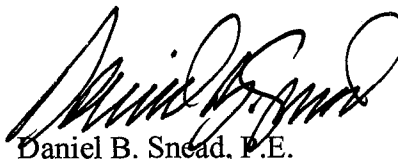
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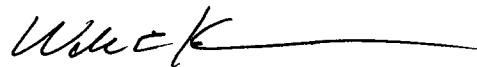
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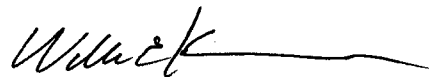
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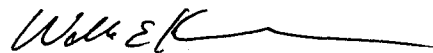
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1375 Ridge Road
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A copy of this report is being provided to the enclosed list of elected officials, agency representatives, and property owners. If you have questions or would like to receive emails from the Corps with project news and updates, please contact our Outreach Program Specialist, Ms. Arleen Kreusch, at (716) 879-4438. You may also contact us at our toll-free telephone number, (800) 833-6390 Option 4, or by email at: fusrap@usace.army.mil. Additional information is also available on our public website at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/nfss/#Documents>.

Sincerely,



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