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BUFFALO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

September 13, 1999

Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Application Nos. 97-320-0003(1) (Buffalo District), 99-00640 (NY District), and 199701186 (Pittsburgh District), by Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P.

Mr. Richard R. Hoffmann, Chief
Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street N.E., Room 1A
Washington, District of Columbia 20426

Dear Mr. Hoffmann:

This is in reference to your request dated July 2, 1999 in which you requested technical assistance in evaluating several components of the proposed Millennium Pipeline Project.

Specifically, you requested assistance in evaluating the Lake Erie and Haverstraw Bay crossings. We are currently investigating the feasibility of providing assistance in these areas from various Corps laboratories. Once we receive responses from our support laboratories, we will again contact your office and the applicant, to attempt to partner a resolution to these concerns.

An assessment of the functions and values of wetlands that would be affected by construction was also requested. It is the Corps' position that this information should be requested of the Millennium Pipeline Team. Although this information will be evaluated during our review of the project, it will most likely not be completed prior to your expected deadlines.

Questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to me at (716) 879-4227, by writing to the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207-3199, or by e-mail at:
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Sincerely,

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