

**Response to Comment in Letter USR3 from  
Marlene Noteboom, United States Resident**

*Note: The response listed below is numbered to correspond to the number shown  
in the right-hand margin of the preceding comment letter.*

1. Based on existing flood modeling, the fill pad required for the proposed plant site would result in relatively small increases in the flood depth in very localized areas. Since the 100-year floodplain is approximately 1.5 miles wide in the site vicinity and the obstruction caused by this plant site would be several hundred feet wide, the plant site fill would result in diverting water around it rather than damming water behind it. The fill of the plant site would also eliminate a small area of the floodplain that previously was available for storage of floodwater. The type of mitigation referred to in this comment would serve to provide a place for that displaced water to reside. The “hole” would mitigate impacts resulting from floodwater displaced by the plant site fill.