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21 Mar 00

Mr. Ronald Harnack  
Executive Director  
Minnesota Board of Water Resources  
One Water Street, Suite 200  
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Subj: PETITION FOR BOUNDARY CHANGE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED  
DISTRICT

Dear Mr. Harnack;

This letter is in response to the subject petition requested by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) to your office dated 9 February 2000. The Navy property located in the Fort Snelling area will be a part of this proposed boundary change if it is approved as submitted. The Navy only became aware of this petition on this date and would request additional information from your office explaining the petition process and the expected milestones and dates for any future hearings or proceedings that are expected to occur.

The Navy is aware of an engineering study being conducted by the Metropolitan Airports Commission to map the drainage watersheds that are present at the airport and adjacent federal lands at Fort Snelling. The Navy would request it be given an opportunity to review this study before any public hearings occur or any ruling is reached by your office. Once the Navy has completed review of this study it would be in a better position to comment its support or nonsupport for this petition.

We look forward to continued discussions on this matter. If there are any questions, I can be contacted at (612) 726-9391 extension 301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Porter", is written over the typed name.

ROBERT H. PORTER

Captain, U.S. Naval Reserve  
Commanding Officer

Copy to:  
Mr. Gary Warren, Metropolitan Airports Commission