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To Whom it May Concern:

Subject: Nationwide Permit # 14 (Project below the Reporting Threshold)  
Cass County (J4P2247), I-49 (211<sup>th</sup> Street from Peculiar Drive to East Outer Road) in Peculiar, two headwater streams to East Branch South Grand River  
New Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at 211<sup>th</sup> Street includes new construction of 211<sup>th</sup> from Peculiar Drive to School Road.  
Section 4 & 9, Township 45N, Range 32W

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issues Nationwide Permit #14 for activities required for construction, expansion, modification, or improvement of linear transportation crossings (e.g., highways, railways, trails, airport runways, and taxiways) in waters of the U.S. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and its contractors regularly construct bridge and roadway projects that have been evaluated by MoDOT staff and have been determined to have minimal impact to waters of the U.S. Nationwide Permit #14 projects with minimal impact can be defined as those projects involving discharges to waters of the U.S. (e.g., streams, lakes and ponds) causing losses no greater than 1/10-acre. No wetland impact may result if the project is to meet the minimal impact definition.

The new DDI work at 211<sup>th</sup> Street, includes new construction from Peculiar Drive to School Road includes a new bridge (over I-49) and culverts, sidewalk and other safety improvements impacting two headwater streams of East Branch South Grand River meets the criteria as defined above, and no preconstruction notification is required by the Corps of Engineers. However, the permittee is still bound by and shall follow the Clean Water Act (CWA), Section 404 Nationwide Permit #14 conditions and the CWA, Section 404 Nationwide Permit General Conditions within the General Provisions. In addition, the permittee must also follow the seven conditions as specifies in the CWA, Section 401 Water Quality Conditions in the same document referenced above. Any temporary structures used to facilitate construction (e.g., temporary crossings and/or temporary work pads) will be constructed with clean rock fill. Stream crossings will be sufficiently culverted to allow for continuous and relatively unimpounded stream flow. The culverts will be placed to match the existing stream grade, which will allow for unimpeded aquatic life passage through the project area. Upon project completion, any temporary structure shall be completely removed and the area will be restored to its preconstruction conditions.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please contact Ms. Valerie Hentges, Wetland Specialist, at (573) 526-4728.

Sincerely,



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