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Regulatory Branch
Corps No. NWP-2019-282

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Dear Mr. Lamb:

The Corps of Engineers (Corps) has worked with the applicant and resource agencies to address concerns raised during the Public Notice for Lepman Philomath Storage Depot, Corps No. NWP-2019-282. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our determination regarding the need for a public hearing.

Generally, public hearings may be held if the Corps determines additional information from a hearing is needed to make a final permit decision, or if comments to the public notice raise substantial issues which cannot be resolved informally. Based upon the comments we have received, past project information, and information provided by other regulatory agencies, the Corps has determined that it has sufficient information available to evaluate the proposed project. We find no substantive reason for holding a public hearing prior to making a final decision on the permit application. Therefore, your request for a public hearing has been denied.

Upon completion of our review a copy of the Environmental Assessment can be requested through the Freedom of Information Act process. Your comments will be included in the Environmental Assessment. Thank you for your interest in the Corps Regulatory Program.

FOR THE COMMANDER, MICHAEL D. HELTON, PMP, COLONEL, CORPS OF
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For: William D. Abadie
Chief, Regulatory Branch