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MEMORANDUM

March 28, 2003

To: Harry House
Water Resources Discipline

Through: Bonnie Mcgregor
Regional Director, Eastern Region

From: Karen Siderelis
Geographic Information Officer

Subject: Waiver Request to the Department of the Interior Freezing of Information
Technology Hardware Purchases

Reference: Purchase Five (5) Servers

Your request to purchase five (5) servers during the freeze period was reviewed. It is understood that the USGS Wisconsin District Database Team, through a cooperative agreement with the state of Wisconsin, has developed a production system to provide detailed fish and habitat surveys and stocking data for the Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). To be fully implemented the system needs to enhance the computing performance and capacity. It is agreed that failure to acquire the requested servers could damage the reputation of the USGS and potentially affect additional cooperative ventures, whereas purchasing the servers will likely encourage the state to negotiate additional agreements with the USGS in the future.

Your request for a waiver is approved. Once the appropriate IT investment approval is obtained, you may proceed with your acquisition.

Additionally, per the terms of the DOI - Microsoft Enterprise Agreement regarding Windows 2000 Servers, please ensure that this acquisition does not include purchase of the operating system (OS).