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Over the past three months, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has tried to build public support for the federal government's sluggish effort to keep Asian carp in the Mississippi River system from invading Lake Michigan via the Chicago Waterway System.

Corps officials have repeatedly said that an electric barrier in the Chicago Waterway System, about 30 miles south of Chicago, is working as intended and keeping Asian carp from reaching Lake Michigan. The agency makes that claim despite the fact that Asian carp DNA and one live carp have been found miles beyond the electric barrier, near Lake Michigan.

Corps officials have said they have a study that shows the electric barrier is working as designed. But now comes news that the Corps won't share that study with the public or members of the Corps' own technical and policy advisory panel.

In other words, the Corps is sitting on data that could play a critical role in the government's effort to prevent an Asian carp invasion of the Great Lakes.

This is outrageous behavior for a government agency that is supposed to operate with transparency. It also casts a cloud of suspicion over the Corps' efforts to prevent an Asian carp invasion of the Great Lakes.

The Corps is behaving as if its so-called war on Asian carp is a full-blown military campaign, one in which secrecy is paramount to defeating the enemy.