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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

May 11, 2005

Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division

Mr. Thomas J. Cloud, Jr.
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Ecological Services
711 Stadium Drive, Suite 252
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Cloud:

I want to thank you and your staff for meeting with us on April 25, 2005, to discuss the proposed Fort Worth Central City project in relation to the Service's Draft Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) Report.

During the meeting the Corps agreed to provide the Service a copy of the specific language authorizing the Community Based Alternative being considered within the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A copy of Section 216 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 was sent by electronic mail on April 26, 2005. Information is also included in Chapter 1 of the pre-draft EIS (copy enclosed). I ask that you restrict the information in the pre-draft EIS at this time to use by your agency to complete the Draft FWCA as it has not been approved for release for public review at this time.

Additional information relating to the rationale that led to siting Samuels Avenue Dam at the proposed location is presented in Chapter 3 in "Development of Community Based Alternative, Analysis of Alternatives, Samuels Avenue Dam" and Appendix C of the enclosed pre-draft EIS. Information related to proposed additional sampling for possible contaminants is contained in Chapters 2 within "Hazardous and Toxic and Radioactive Waste" and 4 in "Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive" and to the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines analysis located in Appendix G, Tab 2. Water quality concerns expressed by the Service are discussed in Chapter 4 "Alternative Impact Assessment, Water Quality" and Chapter 5 of the pre-draft EIS and in Appendix G, Tab 2.

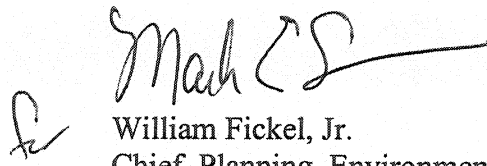
As you are aware, the Corps and project sponsor are committed to working with the Service to identify the required measure that will fully compensate for impacts to Marine and Lebow Creeks. Information is provided in the pre-draft EIS in Chapter 4

“Environmental Mitigation” that addresses mitigation issues resolved, including the provision of development of a management plan that would include adaptive management and the remaining concerns related to stream habitat impacts. Additional discussion is provided in Chapter 5 “Environmental Compliance”.

An onsite meeting was conducted on May 3, 2005 led to the identification of a site near Harwood Field Park for further evaluation as a potential stream habitat mitigation measure. The stream apparently is not named, but drains a significant portion of the downtown Fort Worth Central Business District. Both the City of Fort Worth and Tarrant Regional Water District have indicated a willingness to conduct water quality analysis of the stream and it is my understanding your office has agreed to conduct follow on field work to evaluate the existing fisheries.

Again, I appreciate the efforts provided by the Service and trust the information provided will be of assistance to the Service in completing the Draft FWCA report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Fickel, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Fickel, Jr.
Chief, Planning, Environmental
and Regulatory Division

Enclosure