



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

February 6, 2006

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT KEMPNER WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION EASEMENT STILLHOUSE HOLLOW RESERVOIR, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS

Description. Interested parties are hereby notified that the District Engineer, Fort Worth District, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding the proposed easement for the Kempner Water Supply Corporation at Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir, Texas.

Statutory Authority. This notice is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508).

Background. An EA and draft FONSI for the proposed action were prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA and Engineering Regulation 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The purpose of the EA is to identify and evaluate the environmental aspects of implementing the proposed action in accordance with NEPA.

Proposed Action. The proposed action is for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to grant a 25-foot easement to Kempner Water Supply Corporation so that they can construct a portion of their proposed project on Federal property. Six alternatives were considered in the EA including the preferred alternative, the development of the Brazos River Authority as a regional provider of wholesale water, receive water supply from Lake Belton through Existing City of Copperas Cove Pipeline or through new transmission mains from the Water Control and Improvement District, purchase additional water from Central Texas Water Supply Corporation, and the no action alternative. The easement would include an easement for a 30-inch pipeline and raw water intake structure.

Public Hearing. A public hearing has not been scheduled for this proposed action. Prior to the close of the comment period, any person may make a written request for a public hearing, setting forth the particular reasons for the request. The District Engineer will determine whether the issues raised are substantial and should be considered in his decision. If a public hearing is warranted, all known interested parties will be notified of the time, date, and location of such a hearing.

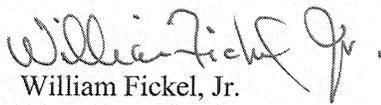
Public Review. Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended in 1975 (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500 through 1508), the U.S. Department of the Army gives notice that it has prepared the required environmental documentation for the Kempner Water Supply Corporation Easement, Stillhouse Hollow

Reservoir, Texas. This document is available for review on the Fort Worth District Website www.swf.usace.army.mil or at the following addresses:

Belton/Stillhouse Hollow Lake Office
3740 FM 1670
Belton, Texas 76513
254-939-2461

Lena Armstrong Public Library
301 East 1st Avenue
Belton, TX 76513
254-933-5830

Comment Period. The comment period for this action is 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. Please address any comments to Mr. Brandon Mobley, CESWF-PER-EE, Post Office Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300. Copies of the EA and draft FONSI may be requested in writing at the above address or by telephone at (817) 886-1714.


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