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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Reviews License Applications in Furtherance of Oil/Gas Exploration

FORT WORTH, Texas – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District has issued a temporary moratorium on all new applications for outgrants in furtherance of oil and gas exploration and exploitation activities upon public lands within the Fort Worth District in accordance with Southwestern Division (SWD) policy SWDP 1110-2-1156, March 17, 2011.

Fort Worth District has received an increased number of applications from oil and gas exploration companies to utilize public land to further the goals of private mineral exploitation, extraction and sale. Some activities associated with these applications are in direct support of actions and operations which violate SWD policy on oil and gas exploration near U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control structures.

The moratorium, effective immediately through July 1, 2011, is being implemented to allow time for the USACE to research existing outgrants and applications for compliance with SWD policy (SWDP 1110-2-1156).

After July 1, 2011, applications for outgrants which are not compliant with SWD policy SWDP 1110-2-1156 will not be considered for favorable action.

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About the Fort Worth District: The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and design and construction at military installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District Web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil.