

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

STUDY NAME AND STATE: Nueces River and Tributaries, TX

AUTHORIZATION: Flood Control Act of 1936, H.R. 2754 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2004 (PL 108-137 dated 1 December 2003).

	FY 2005	FY 2006
<u>SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:</u>	<u>Feasibility</u>	<u>Feasibility</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,420,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost:	5,000,000	5,420,000
Cash	(4,000,000)	(4,850,000)
Other	(1,000,000)	(150,000)
Total Estimated Study Cost	\$10,000,000	\$10,840,000
Allocation thru FY 2004	0	0
Budget Request for FY 2005	500,000	500,000
Allocation for FY 2005	396,000	397,000
Budget Request for FY 2006	N/A	500,000
Balance to Complete After FY 2006	N/A	4,523,000
Amount that Could be Used in FY 2006	N/A	575,000

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The Nueces River Basin lies in the southern part of Texas, with headwaters in Edwards and Real counties. The Nueces River flows in a southeasterly direction and enters Nueces Bay near Corpus Christi, Texas. The Frio River is a principal tributary and drains the northeast edge of the Nueces River Basin.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2005: Update ecologic, hydrologic and hydraulic models to assess environmental impacts to the Nueces Bay and estuary and hold a series of workshops to coordinate with resource agencies and develop a more detailed work plan for the existing conditions phase.

APPLICATION OF THE AMOUNT THAT COULD BE USED IN FY 2006: FY 2006 funds in the amount of \$500,000 would be used to continue the feasibility study. The capability amount of \$575,000 would be used to accelerate completion of the feasibility study.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Complex sponsorship issues delayed execution of the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement. The study sponsors are the Nueces River Authority, San Antonio Water System, San Antonio River Authority, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, and the city of Corpus Christi.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: The Administration supports this study.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congressmen Hinojosa, TX-15; Bonilla, TX-23; Doggett, TX-25; Ortiz, TX-27; Cuellar TX-28.