

# **CHAPTER 10**

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

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CEQ regulations require an early and open process for identifying significant issues related to a proposed action and obtaining input from the public prior to making a decision that could significantly affect the environment. These regulations specify public involvement at various times during the development of an environmental statement. The public involvement process followed by USACE for this proposal included:

- Issuing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the draft Supplemental Final Environmental Statement (draft Supplemental FES);
- Undertaking the Intergovernmental and Interagency Coordination of Environmental Planning (IICEP) process and consulting with agencies, local government, and Native American tribes;
- Conducting a scoping comment period and holding a meeting; as well as
- Having a public comment period and meeting following the publication of the draft Supplemental Final Environmental Statement.

The NOI was published in the *Federal Register* on March 17, 1997. This served as the official notification of USACE's intent to conduct the environmental analyses for this proposal. Agency coordination and consultation in the form of IICEP began at this time as well. IICEP is a federally mandated process for informing and coordinating with other governmental agencies regarding proposed actions. Both NEPA and CEQ regulations require intergovernmental notification prior to making any detailed statement of environmental impacts. Through the IICEP process, concerned federal, state, and local agencies must be notified and allowed sufficient time to evaluate potential environmental impacts of a proposed action. IICEP letters were sent to over 20 government agencies, elected officials, and tribal representatives (Appendix A provides a list of these agencies and individuals) in Oklahoma and Arkansas. These letters outlined the proposed action and alternatives identified by USACE announced the scoping workshop, as well as provided a venue in which to respond to USACE's proposal.

**Scoping Process.** Publication of the NOI also marked the beginning of the scoping period. The scoping phase of the environmental analysis process provides opportunities for government agencies, interest groups, and the general public to learn about the proposed action and no-action alternative. The scoping process helped USACE identify alternative approaches for meeting the proposal's need and provides an avenue for public input into the resource analysis performed in the draft Supplemental FES.

A news release announcing the public information (scoping) workshop was sent to local newspaper in Poteau, OK and Ft. Smith, AR in September 1997. The public scoping meeting resulted in 3 comments, summarized in section 1.5.

USACE Tulsa also conducted IICEP consultation in 2001, at the initiation of the preparation of the Supplemental FES. Letters were sent out to agencies and interested parties and six responses were received. These responses are included in Appendix A. The Draft Supplemental FES will be distributed to the public and agency representatives in June 2002. It will be sent to individuals and locations on the attached mailing lists.

*Wister Lake Supplemental EIS -- IICEP List*

IICEP-State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) & Other Agencies and Organizations								
<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
Mr. Bobbye	Jack	Jones	State Conservationist, NRCS	Agriculture Center Office Building	Farm Road and Brunelle Street	Stillwater	OK	73074
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The Honorable Chaud		Smith	Chief	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	P.O. Drawer 120	Durant	OK	74701
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Mayor			City of Wister, OK					
Mayor			City of Heaven, OK					
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			Director, Office of Federal Activities (2222)	Federal Maritime Comm.	400 Seventh Street, SW	Washington	DC	2003
			Director, Advisory Council on Hist. Pres.	US Environmental Protection Agency	401 M Street SW	Washington	DC	20460-0001
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			Assoc. General Counsel	Federal Energy Regulatory Comm.	400 First St., NW	Washington	DC	20426-0001
			Dir. Office of Env. Policy	Federal Emergency Management Agency	500 C Street, SW	Washington	DC	20427-0001
			Dir. Office of Energy and Env. Impact	Federal Highway Administration	1100 L. St., NW	Washington	DC	20590-0001
			Ass't. Dir. Natural Resources & Environment	14th & Independence Ave., SW	Washington	DC	20573-0001	
			Env. Policy	USDA, 14th st. and Indp. Ave., SW	Washington	DC	20250-0001	
			Ecology and Conserv. Division	14th and Constitution Ave., NW	Washington	DC	20230-0001	
			U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev.	451 Seventh St., SW	Washington	DC	20410-0001	
			Dir. Office of Env. And Policy Review	1849 C St. NW, Mail # 2340	Washington	DC	20240-0001	
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*Wister Lake Supplemental EIS -- NCEP List*

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<i>United States</i>									
The Honorable	Don		Nickles	3310 Mid-Continent Tower		409 S. Boston	Tulsa	OK	74103-4007
The Honorable	James	M.	Irhofe	1924 S. Utica St., Suite 530			Tulsa	OK	74101-6511
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LeFlore County Commissioner					100 S. Broadway St.		Poteau	OK	74953
City of Poteau				Poteau City Hall	111 Peters St.		Poteau	OK	74953

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