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Operations Division  
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TO INTERESTED PARTIES

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, including guidelines in 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230, the Tulsa District and Regional Planning and Environmental Center (RPEC) have prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Draft SEA) to address impacts associated with the exchange of Federal lands acquired for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System for non-Federal lands owned by the Tulsa Port of Catoosa (Port), Rogers County, Oklahoma. The land exchange is authorized by Section 6005(c) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014). Following the land exchange, the Port plans to construct a barge fleeting area for temporary mooring of barges to support Port operations.

In April 2013, the Tulsa District prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) to address impacts of proposed actions very similar to those described in the Draft SEA. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed by the Tulsa District Commander on May 2, 2013. At that time, real estate required for the barge fleeting area was proposed to be leased by the Port from the Tulsa District Corps of Engineers. Following passage of WRRDA 2014, the revised proposed action now includes the exchange of lands as described in Section 6005(c) of this legislation as the means of real estate acquisition by the Port. All other construction activities, associated impacts, and matters pertaining to required permits remain unchanged from those described in the original 2013 Final EA. The Draft SEA has been prepared to supplement previous impact assessment by addressing impacts associated with the land exchange and update relevant environmental conditions. Based on findings of the Draft SEA, it has been determined that the proposed action will have no significant impacts on the natural or human environment.

The Draft SEA is available on the Tulsa District web page (<http://www.swt.usace.army.mil>) for your review. For reference, the 2013 Final EA/FONSI is posted at the same location. If you have comments on the Draft SEA, they should be submitted by **April 8, 2016** to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, ATTN: OD-NR (Port of Catoosa SEA), 1645 South 101<sup>st</sup> East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128 or via email to Dr. David Gade at [David.Gade@usace.army.mil](mailto:David.Gade@usace.army.mil). Should you have any questions, Dr. Gade can be reached at 918.669.7579 or at the above email address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen L. Nolen", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen L. Nolen  
Chief, Natural Resources and Recreation Branch