APPENDIX C

FISH AND WILDLIFE

COORDINATION

DEPARTMENT OF ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, TULSA DISTRICT
1645 SOUTH 101ST EAST AVENUE
TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74128-4609

December 23, 2003

Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division
Environmental Analysis and Compliance Branch

Mr. William Gill
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
315 Houston, Suite E
Manhattan, KS 66502-6172

Dear Mr. Gill:

This is to inform you that the Tulsa District has been requested by the Kansas Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of a streambank protection project to protect the State Highway 83 Bypass Bridge at Garden City, Kansas. Erosion caused by the lateral movement of the Arkansas River is threatening the integrity of the bridge. We are beginning the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment addressing the affect of various alternatives that would provide protection for the bridge. The study is being conducted under authority of Section 14 of the Flood Control Act of 1946, as amended. The Act provides authority to the US Army Corps of Engineers to plan and construct emergency streambank projects to protect endangered highways and bridge approaches.

Garden City is located along the Arkansas River in Finney County, Kansas. The streambed in the vicinity is normally dry, however the contributing drainage above Garden City is 24,703 square miles in size and one large rain event has the potential to damage the bridge. Alternatives will be considered that include nonstructural and/or structural features. Nonstructural measures will include a "no action" plan and a vegetative armoring plan. Structural plans include river training, bank armoring, and abutment protection methods.

We are preparing documentation for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and would appreciate comments from your agency concerning this proposed action.

Your comments are requested in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and the Endangered Species Act. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Jerry Sturdy at 918-669-4397.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Hogue

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Chief, Planning, Environmental and
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Mr. J. Michael Hayden,
Secretary
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
900 SW Jackson St., Suite 502
Topeka, KS 66612

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We are preparing documentation for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and would appreciate comments from your agency concerning fish and wildlife species of concern that might occur in the project area.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Jerry Sturdy at 918-669-4397.

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Restoration for the project was coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Manhattan, Kansas; and the Kansas Parks and Wildlife Department. Recommendations provided by personnel from those agencies were incorporated into Section 6.0. RESTORATION PLAN.