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TO INTERESTED PARTIES

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), including guidelines in 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230, the Tulsa District has assessed the environmental impacts of removal and disposal of accumulated sediment at John Redmond Dam and Reservoir, Coffey County, Kansas. The State of Kansas, acting through the Kansas Water Office (KWO), proposes to fully fund and perform sediment removal and disposal from John Redmond Reservoir for the purpose of at least partially restoring conservation pool storage capacity.

In accordance with the NEPA, a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) has been prepared for alternative actions at John Redmond Reservoir. By this letter, we are requesting your comments on the DPEIS in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1503. A copy of the DPEIS is available on the Tulsa District's website at [www.swt.usace.army.mil](http://www.swt.usace.army.mil) or that of the Kansas Water Office at [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org). A hardcopy is available for review at the Burlington, Kansas public library during normal business hours. Upon request, a hardcopy or compact disc containing the DPEIS can be obtained by contacting Ms. Susan Metzger, Chief of Planning and Policy, Kansas Water Office at (785) 296-3185 or email: [Susan.Metzger@kwo.ks.gov](mailto:Susan.Metzger@kwo.ks.gov). Comments should be submitted using contact information provided below. In order to be considered, comments must be received no later than **May 26, 2014**. Comments received on the DPEIS will be considered in preparation of a Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement which will be made available to you for review when complete.

Contact information for submission of comments is as follows: Dr. David Gade, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Technical Services Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, 1645 S. 101<sup>st</sup> E. Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74128-4629; fax: 918-669-7546; email: [David.Gade@usace.army.mil](mailto:David.Gade@usace.army.mil). Should you have questions or require further information, Dr. Gade can be reached at 918-669-7579.

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