



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
Fort Worth District

Public Notice

Applicant: SWF-1987-00524

Permit Application No.: Lake Columbia Environmental
Impact Statement & Permit

Date: April 15, 2016

The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. We hope you will participate in this process.

Regulatory Program

Since its early history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has played an important role in the development of the nation's water resources. Originally, this involved construction of harbor fortifications and coastal defenses. Later duties included the improvement of waterways to provide avenues of commerce. An important part of our mission today is the protection of the nation's waterways through the administration of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program.

Section 10

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) to regulate *all work or structures in or affecting the course, condition or capacity of navigable waters of the United States*. The intent of this law is to protect the navigable capacity of waters important to interstate commerce.

Section 404

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) to regulate the *discharge of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States, including wetlands*. The intent of the law is to protect the nation's waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical and biological integrity.

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SUMMARY: The application by the Angelina & Neches River Authority, P.O. Box 387, Lufkin, Texas, 75902 for the proposed Lake Columbia Regional Water Supply Reservoir Project being considered by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth, Texas, for approval of plans and issuance of a permit under the authority of the Secretary of the Army has been withdrawn and the development of the revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is being terminated.

Development of a DEIS was initiated June 28, 2005 as documented in the Federal Register notice of intent to prepare an EIS. A draft EIS was released January 2010. Due to the substantive nature of the comments and concerns raised with the DEIS, including a rating under Section 319 of the Clean Air Act from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of EU-3, the Fort Worth District determined that a revised DEIS needed to be prepared. Actions were undertaken to develop a revised DEIS but have been extremely limited since 2013 leading to the determination that development of the revised DEIS should be terminated and permit application withdrawn.

The applicant has the ability to apply for the project in the future.

Questions related to this public notice may directed to Mr. Chandler Peter at (817) 886-1736 or at chandler.j.peter@usace.army.mil