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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, FORT WORTH DISTRICT

**Proposed emergency streambank erosion protection along Tenmile Creek at the
Nokomis Road bridge in Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas**

Description. Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Government, acting by and through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, proposes to implement an emergency streambank erosion project along Tenmile Creek at the Nokomis Road Bridge in Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas.

Authority. This Notice of Availability is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Public Law 91-190, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Code of Federal Regulations (40 parts 1500-1508) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulations for implementing NEPA (ER 200-2-2).

Purpose and Background. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is assessing potential impacts to the environment that may result from the proposed emergency stream bank stabilization project Tenmile Creek at the Nokomis Road bridge. The proposed project would help stabilize and restore streambank integrity from erosive processes that threaten Nokomis bridge and road at Tenmile Creek. Failure or loss of the bridge structure would affect vehicular traffic to and from Lancaster. Continued sloughing of the bank would also undermine adjacent Nokomis road located 30 feet away, which would result in discontinued use.

Proposed Action. Specific proposed project activities would consist of approximately 325 linear feet of prepackaged concrete riprap being placed along the eroding riverbank to prevent further erosion. This alternative consists of stacking 13"x21"x4 ¾ " prepackaged bags of concrete up the side slopes. The bank would be cut back to a 1H:1V slope and backfilled with compacted fill. The bags would be staggered up the slope and anchored with 7" reinforced bars and 4" reinforced bars at the tow. The surrounding area would then be graded to drain and seeded with native vegetation to secure soil and prevent erosion.

The environmental aspects of this project and the alternatives were considered in an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District. A Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has also been prepared, which, pending receipt of comments to the contrary, will be finalized at the end of the comment period 30 days from the date of this notice. Copies of the EA and Draft FONSI are available upon request or may be reviewed at the Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library; 1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, Texas 75134 or on the web at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil>. For further information, contact Brandon Mobley at (817) 886-1714 of the Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 17300, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300.

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