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Mr. Thomas W. Waters
Chief, Policy and Policy Compliance Division
Directorate of Civil Works
Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
CECW-P (SA)
7701 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, VA 22315-3860

Dear Mr. Waters:

The U.S. Department of the Interior has reviewed the Chief of Engineers' proposed report on May Branch, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The Department does not object to the proposed project and has no comments to offer. The point of contact is Ms. Loretta Sutton, 202-208-7565. We appreciate the opportunity to review the Chief's Proposed Report and supporting documents.

Sincerely,

Willie R. Taylor, Director
Office of Environmental Policy
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November 27, 2006

Mr. Jay Warren
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
CECW-P (SA)
7701 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, VA 22315-3860

RE: Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment
May Branch, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Warren:

The State Clearinghouse has received the above document pursuant to the Arkansas Project Notification and Review System.

To carry out the review and comment process, this document was forwarded to members of the Arkansas Technical Review Committee. Resulting comments received from the Technical Review Committee which represents the position of the State of Arkansas are attached.

The State Clearinghouse wishes to thank you for your cooperation with the Arkansas Project Notification and Review System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy L. Copeland".

Tracy L. Copeland, Manager
State Clearinghouse

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Enclosure
CC: Randy Young, ANRC



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Tracy Copeland, Manager
State Clearinghouse

FROM: Mr. J. Randy Young, P.E., Chairman
Technical Review Committee

SUBJECT: FEASIBILITY REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
May Branch, Fort Smith, Arkansas

DATE: November 27, 2006

Members of the Technical Review Committee have reviewed the above referenced project; this combined feasibility report and environmental assessment evaluates and recommends to decision makers the channelization of May Branch to alleviate flooding problems. May Branch is a small tributary to the Arkansas River which lies entirely within City Limits of Fort Smith. The purpose of the feasibility study is to identify, evaluate, and recommend to decision makers a coordinated, implementable solution to the identified water resources problems and opportunities for May Branch in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The Committee supports this project. Agency comments are included for your review.

The opportunity to comment is appreciated.

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TO: All Technical Review Committee Members
FROM: Tracy L. Copeland, Manager - State Clearinghouse
DATE: October 30, 2006
SUBJECT: FEASIBILITY REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - MAY BRANCH, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

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Your comments should be returned by November 13, 2006 to - Mr. Randy Young, Chairman, Technical Review Committee, 101 E. Capitol, Suite 350, Little Rock, AR 72203.

If you have no reply within that time we will assume you have no comments and will proceed with the sign-off.

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October 31, 2006

Mr. Randy Young
Chairman, Technical Review Committee
101 E. Capitol, Suite 350
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Young:

This letter is a further response to your request for comments on proposed channelization of May Branch in the City Of Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas. The following comments are an addition to my comments dated July 28, 2006 (see attached letter).

Most of the proposed construction area lies on Quaternary terrace deposits east of the railroad tracks. These terrace deposits are covering a possible normal fault that the May branch crosses at Grand Avenue and also again near the center of section 9, T. 8 N., R. 32 W. This fault occurs in the McAlester Formation and would produce fault gouge that could be encountered during construction. The downthrown side of this fault is on the north side.

If you have any questions about these comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

William Lee Prior
Geologist Supervisor

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