

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION, 1100 Commerce Street, Dallas, TX, 75242-0216

SUBJECT: Data Quality Act Request for Correction from Mr. Jim Wood, Chairman, Arkansas River Study Committee, Arkansas Wildlife Federation, Little Rock, Arkansas 72227

1. Enclosed please find a request for correction (RFC) under the Data Quality Act, from Mr. Jim Wood, Chairman, Arkansas River Study Committee, Arkansas Wildlife Federation (AWF), concerning the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), *McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation Study Final Environmental Impact Statement* and *McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Final Feasibility Report and Record of Decision Arkansas River Navigation Study McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Arkansas and Oklahoma*, signed 27 September 2005. AWF challenges the Corps' findings, accounting methodology, National Environmental Policy Act compliance, narrative conclusions, and accuracy of data relied upon to develop an environmental impact statement, feasibility study, and record of decision on the Arkansas River Navigation Study. AWF seeks various information correction and cost/benefit reanalysis of specific accounting methods.
2. The Data/Information Quality Act (the Act) requires agencies to ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information they disseminate to the public, and allows the public to question the information. Under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Department of Defense (DoD) regulations, affected persons can seek and obtain correction of information that does not comply with OMB and DoD information quality guidelines, 67 Fed. Reg. 8452 (2002).
3. The Study proponent should review the information being challenged to determine whether the study meets the information quality guideline (IQG) requirements of quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity as defined by OMB and DoD. Specifically, the information must be accurate, clear, complete, reliable and unbiased. In reviewing the challenged information, you will need to identify the source of the information, any supporting data and models used, whether there is existing literature or other documentation supporting the data, whether the data was generated and the analytic results developed using sound engineering, statistical and research methods, how the quality of the information was assured (whether it was peer reviewed), etc. You should also determine whether the quality is appropriate to the nature, use, type, importance and timeliness of the information.
4. Please provide us with a draft response indicating whether you agree or disagree with the RFC and whether the requester has adequately supported his claim. If you agree with the RFC please provide a summary of your analysis and the steps to be taken to correct the information. If you disagree with the RFC, please explain how the information challenged meets the guidelines, based on your substantive review of the information quality (as discussed in

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paragraph 3) or procedural arguments. The draft response should be coordinated with your Counsel Offices.

5. Please forward your draft response to CECC-G (Attn: Richard Frank). We will review the draft response, add a paragraph describing the appellate procedures and coordinate the draft response with the Headquarters Office responsible for the program and OMB. The Director or Deputy Director of the responsible Headquarters Office will sign the response. The RFC and response will be posted to the public USACE Information Quality Act webpage at <http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/ceci/informationqualityact>.

6. If you have any questions concerning this process or anticipate that you will not meet the suspense date, please contact Mr. Richard Frank at 202-761-8557.

FOR THE COMMANDER

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "For: David M. Berrios". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

WILBERT BERRIOS
Director of Corporate Information

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