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Mr. Jim Wood, Chairman  
Arkansas River Study Committee  
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Dear Mr. Wood:

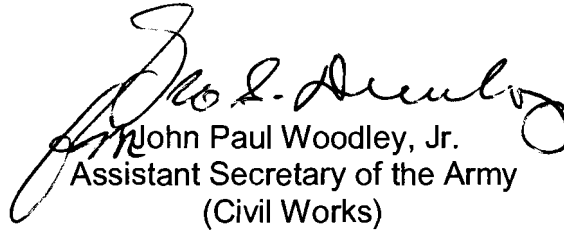
Thank you for your letter of July 16, 2007 regarding Information Quality Act issues that your organization raised with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement. I am providing you with an interim response as I have determined that the Corps did not meet previous milestones on your request. I offer you my sincere apology for the lack of a prompt response. I have taken steps to assure that a full response to your request is processed in the shortest possible amount of time.

The process of responding to inquiries through the Information Quality Act, Request for Corrections (RFC) is complex. Upon receipt of the RFC, the Corps of Engineers sends a letter to requester acknowledging receipt of RFC and denoting a date for response. The appropriate District, Division and Headquarters offices within the Corps assess the technical quality of the data being questioned and coordinate a draft response. The draft response with technical arguments/corrections is forwarded to the Headquarters Corps of Engineers for review and approval. The Headquarters reviews the response, adds procedural and administrative appeal information, and provides the final draft response to the Office of Management and Budget for review and comment. The Corps then completes the action.

With respect to your concerns about the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement, the Little Rock District has prepared a detailed response to address the items in your original Petition. That response is now in the final stages of processing.

I have asked the Corps Headquarters to commit to responding with the final response to you by September 15, 2007. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,



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Assistant Secretary of the Army  
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