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Subject: Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Santa Ana River Interceptor Line Protection/Relocation, Orange and Riverside Counties, CA (CEQ#20090138)

Dear Ms. Fulton,

We appreciate the opportunity to review the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Santa Ana River Interceptor (SARI) Line Protection/Relocation and the Corps' response to our April 28, 2008 comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS (DSEIS). The EPA previously rated the DSEIS EC-2, "Environmental Concerns - Insufficient Information", due to our concerns with the proposed alignment of the preferred Alternative OC 3B, Orange County Relocate to the South, "Shallow Alternative", and potential impacts to water quality and waters of the United States associated with the Santa Ana River. The Corps has provided sufficient information in the FSEIS and the response to comments to address our concerns.

EPA appreciates the Corps addressing our comments on the DSEIS, and we appreciate having had the opportunity to coordinate with Corps staff prior to our comments on both the DSEIS and the FSEIS. If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-972-3521 or contact Paul Amato, the lead reviewer for this project. Paul can be reached at 415-972-3847 or amato.paul@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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