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Dear Mr. Hamilton:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Natural Resources Conservation Service's final supplemental environmental impact statement (FSEIS) for the East Locust Creek Reservoir Revised Plan (CEQ No. 20210006).

We appreciate the opportunity to review the FSEIS. EPA acknowledges the early engagement and ongoing conversations with NRCS to discuss Agency feedback before and during the FSEIS public comment period. As our suggestions have been adequately addressed in the FSEIS, EPA does not have substantive comments pertaining to our review of the FSEIS.

The project will require an individual Clean Water Act Section 404 permit, and the FSEIS has identified the proposed action, East Locust Creek Reservoir (RW1), as the preferred alternative. The EPA notes that the content of this correspondence is limited to the NEPA review and not intended to be review comments on the Section 404 permit. EPA has provided separate comments on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice (NWK-2004-255) Clean Water Act Section 404 individual permit related to this action.

If you have questions regarding these NEPA comments, please contact Mr. Joshua Tapp, Program Manager, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, at 913-551-7606 or [tapp.joshua@epa.gov](mailto:tapp.joshua@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Administrator



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