March 13, 2007

Colonel Wally Z. Walters, District Engineer
Little Rock District Corps of Engineers
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RE: Public Notice: Re-issuance of Nationwide Permits

Dear Colonel Walters:

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") has completed its review of the above referenced public notice for re-issuance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permits for the State of Arkansas.

ADEQ has determined there is a reasonable assurance that activities covered under these Nationwide Permits will be conducted in a manner which, according to the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission's Regulation No.2, will not physically alter a significant segment of the waterbody and will not violate the water quality criteria.

Therefore, pursuant to §401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, the ADEQ hereby issues water quality certification for the Re-issuance of Nationwide Permits as it applies to the waters within the state of Arkansas contingent upon the following conditions:

1) Individual Water Quality Certification requests must be submitted to ADEQ for any activity impacting Extraordinary Resource Waters, Ecologically Sensitive Waters, and Natural and Scenic Waters as identified in Regulation # 2.

2) Applicant shall contact ADEQ for a Short Term Activity Authorization needs determination for activities that have the potential to violate water quality criteria.

3) Applicant shall comply with NPDES Stormwater Program requirements.

Sincerely,

Teresa Marks
Director

cc: Wanda Boyd, Region VI, Environmental Protection Agency
Bradley Myers, Project Manager, Little Rock District COE