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Colonel Christopher W. Sallese
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District
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Dear Colonel Sallese:

The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (EPA) has received numerous letters of concern from environmental groups and individual citizens regarding potential environmental effects of the proposed White Stallion Energy Center, a proposed pet coke/coal-fired power plant to be constructed along the Colorado River in Matagorda County, Texas.

While I understand that the Galveston District is still considering the issuance of permits pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, I strongly recommend that the Corps of Engineers (Corps) prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on its permit actions before making decisions on them. If the Corps decides to proceed on the basis of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, please provide EPA Region 6 with copies of those documents far enough in advance of the permit decisions to enable us to consider further action.

We are enclosing correspondence previously submitted on this proposed project, where we recommended to the Corps that no permit should be issued until certain enumerated issues are addressed and provided for review to interested federal and state agencies. I reiterate our request that no permit be issued until such issues are adequately addressed and reviewed.

If you have questions, or if I may be of further assistance, please contact me at (214) 665-2210.

Sincerely,

John Blevins
Director
Compliance Assurance and
Enforcement Division

Enclosures

cc: Interested Citizens