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RE: The Illinois River Watershed Modeling Project

Dear Mr. Thompson and Mr. Strong:

Thank you for your letter dated May 3, 2010. The objective of the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Illinois River Watershed Modeling Project is to develop a watershed model to assess phosphorus load reductions that are needed to restore water quality in the Illinois River Watershed. The project will include modeling both Lake Tenkiller and the Illinois River watershed with various point and nonpoint source reduction scenarios under various hydrologic conditions. The model results for such scenarios will provide us information on impacts and reductions needed in the entire watershed, including Lake Tenkiller, to meet water quality standards

EPA has and will continue to solicit and encourage active participation from both States as well as local stakeholders in the development of this modeling project. I thank you for your agencies support in helping to make this watershed modeling project a successful one. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at (214) 665-7101.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miguel I. Flores".

Miguel I. Flores, Director
Water Quality Protection Division