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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1147 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 2016), Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir Project, Fannin County, Texas

1. Section 1147 of WRDA 2016 directs the Secretary to ensure that environmental decisions and reviews related to construction of, and impoundment of waters in, and operation of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir project by the North Texas Municipal Water District in Fannin County, Texas, are made expeditiously using the fastest applicable process. The Southwestern Division Tulsa District shall follow the schedule for the National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review and revision process leading to a final agency permit application decision based on the 2016 schedule developed in coordination with the cooperating agencies and applicant. In addition, the completion of the reviews and decisions will be done expeditiously, and in compliance with all applicable regulations and policies. Section 1147 is enclosed.
2. Further, Section 1147(b) of WRDA 2016 also directs the Secretary to provide an interim report on the status of environmental decisions and reviews related to the project, including how those decisions and reviews have been expedited using the fastest applicable process, to Congress no later than 30 June 2017. Development of the interim report is the responsibility of the Southwestern Division, and the report will be provided by that office to HQUSACE no later than 1 June 2017 to ensure timely submittal to Congress.
3. In accordance with Section 1147(b) of WRDA 2016, an interim report will be submitted by the Secretary to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate by July 2017.

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JAMES C. DALTON, P.E.
Director of Civil Works

SECTION 1147: LOWER BOIS D'ARC CREEK RESERVOIR PROJECT, FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS.

(a) FINALIZATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall ensure that environmental decisions and reviews related to the construction of, impoundment of water in, and operation of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir Project, including any associated water transmission facilities, by the North Texas Municipal Water District in Fannin County, Texas, are made on an expeditious basis using the fastest applicable process.

(b) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 2017, the Secretary shall report to Congress on the implementation of subsection (a).