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Draft after-action Environmental Assessment for MKARNS

TULSA, Okla. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Tulsa District (SWT), hereby informs the public of the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Webbers Falls Pool and Robert S. Kerr Pool Emergency Dredging and Open Water Disposal in Rogers, Wagoner, Cherokee, Muskogee, Haskell, Sequoyah, and Le Flore Counties, Okla. The Draft EA identifies, evaluates, and discloses all impacts caused by the implementation of the emergency action and the proposed plans to address environmental mitigation efforts.

The USACE is soliciting comments on the effects of the emergency dredging and the placement of dredge material that occurred during the spring and summer of 2019 on the Arkansas River, southeast of Tulsa, Okla. The Draft EA assessed how the selected action affected the human environment. Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) the Draft EA has been prepared in accordance with 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 230 and the 1978 Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations 40 CFR § 1500-1508, as amended in 1986 and 2005, as reflected in the USACE Engineering Regulation (ER) 200-2-2. In fulfillment of these and all other legal, regulatory, and policy requirements, this Draft EA describes the purpose and need for the action, the range of alternatives considered, and discloses the environmental impacts of the Federal undertaking.

A 30-day public comment period begins on Monday, Aug. 30, 2021 and ends Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021. The Draft EA and appendices will be available on the Tulsa District website Aug. 30, 2021 at www.swt.usace.army.mil. Please address any comments by mail to Ms. Justyss Watson, Compliance Section, Environmental Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 819 Taylor Street, P.O. Box 17300, Room 3A12, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300, or by email at justyss.a.watson@usace.army.mil.

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