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April 27, 2000

Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corp of Engineers
Attn: Lower Snake River Study
201 N. Third Avenue
Walla Walla WA 99362-1876

Dear Sirs;

The City of Kennewick opposes Alternative No. 4 in the Draft EIS "Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report / Environmental Impact Statement".

Alternative No. 4 would result in:

- Loss of irrigated agricultural area which would adversely impact the service and retail economic sectors of Kennewick;
- Increase residential electric rates which would adversely impact disposable household income and affect the City's receipt of sales tax revenue; and
- Direct and indirect loss of employment which would negatively impact the City's service, retail and wholesale trade sectors.

The City of Kennewick has invested considerable financial and community resources into the development of the Columbia Park property and continue to believe that successful breaching of the Lower Snake River Projects could eventually jeopardize the viability of the Columbia River waterway and would adversely impact the City's investment in Columbia River recreational facilities.

1 | We disagree with the statement contained in Appendix I (page 17-32-Historical Change Events and Potential Responses). Changes in the human environment would definitely exceed historical experiences in Kennewick if the Columbia River waterway was significantly altered by breaching of the Snake River projects. We believe that jeopardization of the Columbia River waterway (based upon a breaching of the lower Snake River projects) would adversely affect the community values Kennewick residents hold.

The City of Kennewick continues to believe that Alternative No. 3 would provide a predictable alternative with a method to measure the results that will not eliminate an incredible tax payer investment in the lower Snake River projects.

Sincerely,

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Community and Economic Development
509-585-4278



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Dear Interested Party:

The public comment period on the Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration
Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement has been extended to
April 30, 2000.

The comment period was originally scheduled to close on March 31, 2000, however,
the Corps received several requests for extension of the deadline. The decision to
extend the deadline for comments will give reviewers an extra thirty days in which to
provide comments.

Your comments on the Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement
can be submitted to the Corps as follows:

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OR

FAX: 509-527-7832

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ftp://ftp.nwd.usace.army.mil/anonymous/nww/study_kit/studypage.htm

If you have questions about this comment period extension, please contact the
Corps of Engineers at 509-527-7268.

Sincerely,

William E. Bulen, Jr.
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