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Subject: Lake Ralph Hall

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The attached letter is being forwarded to you by Mayor Sue Tejml of the Town of Copper Canyon, Texas. A hard copy will follow in the mail. Thank you for your attention to this.

Very truly yours,

Terrence S. Welch

Town Attorney

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October 6, 2006

Mr. Bill Roberts
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VIA E-MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Re: Proposed Lake Ralph Hall

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I am writing you as Mayor on behalf of the Town of Copper Canyon, Texas, located in Denton County, roughly equidistant from DFW Airport and the City of Denton. This portion of Denton County has been one of the fast growing areas in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, as well as in the State of Texas, and with such explosive growth, I certainly recognize the need for a long-term, stable water supply for North Texas and Region C in particular. While several possible solutions are under consideration, I as well as many Copper Canyon residents believe that proposed Lake Ralph Hall is not a viable option and should be removed from the approved list of water projects.

Lake Ralph Hall is small in size, and its cost in comparison to the amount of water that it will provide is astronomical. It indeed is miniscule and will not address the long term water needs of North Texas. Additionally, a detailed engineering analysis of proposed Lake Ralph Hall by KBR has revealed that silting will be a major problem for Lake Ralph Hall. When such silting occurs, the lake will become virtually useless to North Texas and its residents' water needs. An exorbitant expenditure of money to build such a lake is pointless if the lake is subject to severe silting issues.

While addressing North Texas' water needs is a key priority for this region, proposed Lake Ralph Hall is neither a cost-effective nor vital component of Region C's Water Plan. I believe that it should be removed from the approved project list and at most, be considered as an alternative candidate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and if I may be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Sue Tejml, Mayor
Town of Copper Canyon, Texas