



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
1325 J STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95811-2922

January 23, 2006

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DATE: JAN 23 2006
RECD: JAN 25 2006

Regulatory Branch (200600031)

James W. Reede  
PEFE Project Manager  
1516 9th Street, Mail Stop 15  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Reede:

We are responding to your December 5, 2005 request for comments on the Pastoria Energy Facility Expansion project. This project is located at Latitude 34° 57' 15.5", Longitude 118° 50' 30.3" near Tejon Ranch, in Kern County, California. Your identification number is Docket 05-AFC-1.

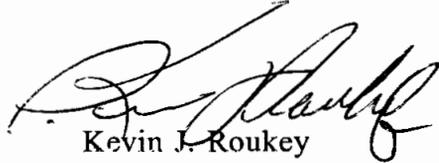
The Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction within the study area is under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. Waters of the United States include, but are not limited to, rivers, perennial or intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, vernal pools, marshes, wet meadows, and seeps. Project features that result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will require Department of the Army authorization prior to starting work.

To ascertain the extent of waters on the project site, the applicant should prepare a wetland delineation, in accordance with the "Minimum Standards for Acceptance of Preliminary Wetland Delineations", under "Jurisdiction" on our website at the address below, and submit it to this office for verification. A list of consultants that prepare wetland delineations and permit application documents is also available on our website at the same location.

The range of alternatives considered for this project should include alternatives that avoid impacts to wetlands or other waters of the United States. Every effort should be made to avoid project features which require the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. In the event it can be clearly demonstrated there are no practicable alternatives to filling waters of the United States, mitigation plans should be developed to compensate for the unavoidable losses resulting from project implementation.

Please refer to identification number 200600031 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin J. Roukey at our San Joaquin Valley Office, 1325 J Street, Room 1480, Sacramento, California 95814-2922, email [Kevin.J.Roukey@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kevin.J.Roukey@usace.army.mil), or telephone 916-557-5266. You may also use our website: [www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory.html](http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory.html).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. Roukey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "R".

Kevin J. Roukey  
Chief, San Joaquin Valley Office