

Attachment 13A

Explanatory Note for Department of State ARRA-NEPA Report February 1, 2011

Attached is the Department of State ARRA-NEPA Report for the period ending December 31, 2010. This report reflects no changes in status since our previous submittal that covered progress through September 30, 2010, as highlighted below:

- The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Hard Skills Training Center (Row #2 on Page 2 of the spreadsheet) remains in a pending status. This action has been pending for more than one report. On June 28, 2010, GSA and the Department announced that the preferred site in Queen Anne's County, Maryland was no longer being considered. Activities related to the acquisition and development of the Queen Anne's County, Maryland site have ceased.
- The segment of the Rio Grande Flood Control Rectification project (Paisano to International Dam) was withdrawn on the July 15, 2010 report because IBWC determined that the project will not be accomplished with ARRA funds after all (Row #17 on Page 2 of the spreadsheet).

NEPA Benefits:

Rows 7-16: The IBWC will be able to accomplish a large percentage of needed levee raising and structural rehabilitation work to ensure the levees provide adequate protection and meet the standards established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Rio Grande Flood Control System projects will: 1) enhance protection of lives and property of over 3 million U.S. border residents; and 2) achieve FEMA certification standards, negating the need for residents to buy costly flood insurance.

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