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Reply to
Attention of:
Assistance and Investigations Division

Mr. Albert H. Willis
6150 River Sound Circle
Southport, NC 28461

Dear Mr. Willis:

This is in response to your email, letter, and memorandum, dated September 7, 2010, concerning the reconnaissance study conducted by the Wilmington District.

I provided your letter and memorandum to my Headquarters subject-matter-expert. He has reviewed your original correspondence and your current correspondence and provided a response to me. He suggests that we reaffirm that the Reconnaissance Report does not conduct economic analysis for project justifications, but rather identifies areas of potential benefits. The Corps makes no judgments of the validity or applicability of those benefits beyond a determination to further investigate them. The actual estimation of the economic benefits occurs during the Feasibility Report stage, which is concluded when the Chief of Engineers signs a Report of the Chief of Engineers and forwards it to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. When the Corps performs its economic analysis no simple transfer of economic activity will be included in the National Economic Development benefit analysis for project justification.

If you have any others issues that need addressed, please provide them to me or call me at 703-428-7575.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Jones".

Robert N. Jones
Chief, Assistance and Investigations Division