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REMARKS:

Dear Ms. Johns:

Enclosed are the proposed lake level management plans for water year 2008 for Kansas lakes. The Kansas Water Office corresponded via electronic mail, phone, and in person on February 27, 2007 with the Kansas City and Tulsa Districts of the Corps, Bureau of Reclamation, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources to establish guidelines for the upcoming water year.

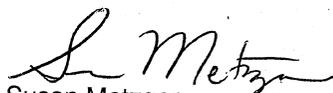
The proposed plans were developed by the respective lake managers after meeting with interested parties and considering previous years' plans and guidelines provided by the above group.

I ask that these proposed plans be viewed as guidance and not hard deadlines. The beginning and end dates of drawdowns and rises should remain flexible in order to accommodate conditions at each reservoir and maximize the lake manager's ability to meet the goals of the proposed plan.

As discussed during our kick-off meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> and in the LLMP guidance document, statute limits the amount of water that can be provided as surplus water in any one calendar year to 10% of the yield capacity, unless the Governor has declared an emergency that affects the public, health, safety or welfare. The submitted proposals for both John Redmond and Elk City reservoirs requested a drawdown that exceeds the quantity for surplus water. We proposed to reduce the drawdown for these reservoirs to ensure we remain in compliance with statute.

If you have any questions about these proposed plans, please contact me or Earl Lewis. I can be reached via phone at (785) 296-1007 or via e-mail at [smetzger@kwo.state.ks.us](mailto:smetzger@kwo.state.ks.us). Earl can be reached via phone at (785) 296-3185 or via e-mail at [elewis@kwo.state.ks.us](mailto:elewis@kwo.state.ks.us).

Sincerely,

  
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