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Re: Villages at Vigneto Proposed Development and Whetstone Ranch 404 Permit

Dear Mr. Miller and Mrs. Diebolt:

With regard to Permit #2003-00826-SDM, we provide to you the attached pertinent scientific studies, government documents and news articles that contain important information for your careful consideration. Some of these studies and documents contain new information that has become available since this Section 404 permit was issued in June of 2006, while other studies existed prior to the issuance of the permit, but were not given due consideration during the permitting process that transpired a decade ago.

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The Villages at Vigneto development's anticipated environmental impacts would not occur *but for* the issuance of Clean Water Act Section 404 permit(s) by the Army Corps of Engineers (33 U.S. Code § 1344). Given the potential for the proposed Villages at Vigneto development to both directly and indirectly impact an Aquatic Resource of National Importance, as well as threatened and endangered species, all of these scientific studies and documents contain important information that must be fully considered during your re-evaluation of Permit #2003-00826-SDM; as well as in conjunction with future agency consultations and environmental assessments, which by law must be conducted in concert with the Corps' Section 404 permitting that is required for the proposed development.

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