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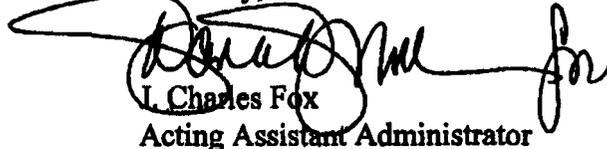
Dear Dr. Westphal:

I am writing to inform you that, on the basis of recent discussions between Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX and The Irvine Company (applicant), I will not be elevating the Los Angeles District's (District) decision to issue a permit for a proposed industrial/commercial site development in Orange County, California (Permit #97-00190-ES).

Since receiving the District's Notice of Intent to issue a permit, EPA has been coordinating with the District and the applicant in an effort to identify an effective resolution of our concerns. Those discussions have resulted in a commitment from the applicant to continue to work with the agencies to identify a potential modification of the Corps permit that would protect an existing wildlife corridor on the development site. I believe that, with effective encouragement from our offices, these discussions can be successful in modifying the permit in a manner that does not create additional delay for the applicant and responds to EPA's concerns.

I look forward to your support of this work. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or have your staff call Mr. Gregory E. Peck, Acting Director of the Wetlands Division at (202) 260-8794.

Sincerely,



J. Charles Fox  
Acting Assistant Administrator

cc: Felicia Marcus  
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