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Notice to Grantees affected by flooding at Addicks and Barker reservoirs and dams

GALVESTON, Texas (May 11, 2016) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District's Real Estate Division is reaching out to all grantees affected by the flooding occurring at Addicks and Barker reservoirs. Grantees should initially work with the local project manager (Addicks Field Office 281-497-0740 or addicksandbarker@usace.army.mil) to determine evacuation plans and receive permission to return the outgranted property, when flood waters have receded.

Recent rains in the Houston area illustrate the impact storage loss can have on a flood control facility. Storage loss occurs whenever the ground is covered by a structure. The Corps of Engineers is committed to a policy of zero net loss of its acquired flood storage capacity. Grantees must obtain written approval from the Real Estate Division before repairing, demolishing or replacing any outgranted structure. The placement of any unapproved structures or materials on federal property is subject to removal at the direction of the Real Estate contracting officer.

Please note that ONLY the Real Estate Division can grant approval for the repair, demolition or replacement of outgranted structures and approval is only valid when provided in writing.

To obtain the necessary approvals the Real Estate Division will need the following:

- A copy of your outgrant. The Real Estate Division is responsible for the execution and management of outgrants for the use of project land by public or private entities. The agreements to allow this use are collectively called outgrants and include easements, licenses, leases and permits. The individuals or entities that are parties to the outgrants are called grantees.
- Most real estate documents will have a DACW64-X-XX-XXXX number listed on them. Some older documents may have a DA-41-243-CIVENG-XX-XX number listed on them. Be sure to refer to the real estate document number in all correspondence regarding your outgrant, as it is the number used to identify your outgrant in the Corps' system.
- Documentation of the condition of ALL structures on the outgranted premises post flooding. This documentation should include a list of all the structures associated with the outgrant, each structure's dimension, its purpose and a photo of the structure as it exists post flooding. For example: storage shed, 10 X 10 X 8, cement slab foundation, used to store feed, photo attached.
- A written plan that identifies what work is anticipated for each outgranted structure as to its repair, demolition or replacement.

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- If the structure only needs cleaning, a written plan for the cleaning is not needed, but the plan should identify that the structure will be cleaned. For example storage shed, 10 X 10 X 8, cement slab foundation, only needs cleaning. Cleaning to be performed by grantee.
- For structures to be demolished, the written plan should include information on the structure to be demolished, how the work is to be accomplished, and disposal plans. For example, storage shed, 10 X 10 X 8, cement slab foundation, to be demolished by grantee and components to be placed in truck bed and removed from premises for disposal.
- For structures to be repaired, the written plan should include a description of the repair work and how it is to be accomplished. For example, storage shed, 10 X 10 X 8, cement slab foundation, replacement of interior existing drywall with new drywall by grantee.
- For structures that the grantee intends to replace, the written plan must include details on the existing structure and the new proposed structure sufficient to allow the accurate calculation of the displacement volume for each structure to allow a comparison of the two. Displacement volume cannot exceed what was previously authorized. For example, storage shed, 10 X 10 X 8, cement slab foundation to be replaced with storage shed, 10 X 10 X 8, on the pre-existing foundation.

Written plans should be submitted to the Real Estate Division's mailbox at SWG-RE@usace.army.mil. Questions concerning Addicks and Barker reservoirs can be directed to Scott Tackett or Liz Blake by calling the Real Estate Division at 409-766-3800.

Additional information may be requested by the Real Estate Division for each particular outgrant, as necessary.

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Respectfully,

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