

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FINAL DECISION TO ISSUE A CLEAN AIR ACT PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION PERMIT FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY (LCRA), THOMAS C. FERGUSON POWER PLANT PERMIT NUMBER PSD-TX-1244-GHG

On September 28, 2011, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (EPA) requested public comment on our proposal to issue a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit authorizing the construction of a 590 megawatt (MW, approximate) electric generating facility for the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), Thomas C. Ferguson Power Plant in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

During the public comment period, which ended on October 28, 2011, EPA did not receive any comments regarding its proposed PSD permitting action for the project. After consideration of the pertinent Federal statutes and regulations and additional material relevant to the application contained in our Administrative Record, EPA has made a decision in accordance with 40 CFR 52.21 to issue a final PSD permit to LCRA for the project. The final permit was signed on November 10, 2011.

Key portions of the Administrative Record for this decision (including the final permit, draft permit and permit application) are available online at <u>http://yosemite.epa.gov/r6/Apermit.nsf/AirP</u>.

Hard copies of the final permit and the Administrative Record for this action, may also be viewed in person, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the EPA Region 6 address below. Due to security procedures, please call Melanie Magee at (214) 665-7161 to arrange a visit at least 24 hours in advance. Hard copies of the final permit are available upon request in writing, by email, or by fax to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 Attn: Melanie Magee (6PD-R) 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202 Phone: (214) 665-7161 Email: <u>magee.melanie@epa.gov</u>

The contact information above may also be used to request copies of other portions of the administrative record for this action.

In accordance with 40 CFR §124.15(b)(3), this PSD Permit becomes effective immediately upon issuance.

END OF ANNOUNCEMENT Issued November 10, 2011