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**Via Electronic Mail to Travis.A.Wiley@usace.army.mil**

Attn: Travis Wiley, Project Manager  
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Dear Mr. Wiley:

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Nashville District, *Center Hill Lake Draft Master Plan Update and associated Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)*, which is located in DeKalb, Putnam, White and Warren Counties, in Tennessee. The original Center Hill Lake Master Plan was approved in 1948 and last updated in 1984. USACE Master Plans serve as a guide for coordination of project development and management of all land and water resources. The intent of the Draft EA is to update the Master Plan to reflect a current inventory and assessment of resources, provide an analysis of resource use, and evaluate existing and future needs required to protect and improve the value of resources at Center Hill Lake.

Actions considered in detail within the Draft EA with Unsigned FONSI include:

- **No Action Alternative.** The No Action Alternative means there would be no update to the existing Master Plan and no new resource classification, assessment or inventory would occur and operation and management of Center Hill Lake would continue as outlined in the 1984 Master Plan Update
- **Implementation of the Proposed Master Plan Update.** Implementation of the Proposed Master Plan Update would incorporate three actions: a) project land and water allocations and classifications would be made current, b) an analysis of resource use would be conducted, and c) an evaluation of existing/future needs and demands on the project would be completed.

TDEC has reviewed the Draft EA with Unsigned FONSI and determined that it has no additional comments regarding the proposed action or no action alternative at this time.<sup>1</sup> TDEC appreciates the opportunity to comment

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<sup>1</sup> TDEC is supportive of updating the inventory of land uses and classifications and considering those versus expected needs. The Draft EA notes that Center Hill Lake is designated as a “no discharge lake”. Vessels on Center Hill Lake are not allowed to discharge in the lake waters. Marinas on Center Hill Lake must provide services for waste disposal, including sewage pump-out of watercraft per the terms of their lease and that any expansion of moorage facilities at marinas must comply with

on this Draft EA with Unsigned FONSI. Please note that these comments are not indicative of approval or disapproval of the proposed action or its alternatives, nor should they be interpreted as an indication regarding future permitting decisions by TDEC. Please contact me should you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



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