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Good morning FOIA Exemption (b)(6) -

I reviewed a January 20, 2011 Memorandum from FOIA Exemption (b)(6) Realty Specialist to FOIA Exemption (b)(6) Chief, Real Estate Division, regarding the proposed Via Verde project. The Memo discusses several Federal Lands/Properties and USACE Flood Control Projects the project may possibly directly or indirectly affect. The Memo also provides special considerations, conclusions and recommendations as part of a preliminary assessment the project might have on Federal real Estate interests.

We are scheduling a time to meet with, and make a presentation on the project to, FOIA Exemption (b)(6) and his team in the Jacksonville District (possibly early next week). Prior to the meeting it would be helpful if we knew what steps have been taken with regard to information in the Memo. Specifically:

1. has USACE Engineering, or other technical staff, undertaken a technical evaluation of the project to assess possible impacts on the four (4) flood control projects the Memo identified,
2. has the Department of the Interior been asked by your office to submit specific comments whether their approval is necessary or not for the pipeline to run, via Horizontal Directional Drilling, under the access road to the Puntas Salinas Radar Site (PSRS) and the public recreational beach area known as "Balneario de Punta Salinas",
3. have the NAVFAC and GSA been directly and specifically asked to provide their opinion regarding the possible effects of the Pipeline construction with regard to the northwestern part of the former Sabana Seca Naval Security Group Activity property, near State Road-#2,
4. has a detailed assessment been done to determine if the distance between the proposed pipeline and the buildings at the Army Maintenance Support Activity (AMSA), Off Post FT. Buchanan complies with the UFC standards for DOD minimum antiterrorism standards and other security considerations and,
5. has it been determined if a risk assessment is necessary to determine if the distance from the proposed pipeline from the GSA Center that currently houses several federal agencies and other operations (MEPS, Navy Rctg. Office, USGS, Caribe Federal Credit Union, and GSA's Motor Pool and Maintenance Shop).

If necessary, we will be glad to advance discussions on the project with any of the entities responsible for the five actions identified above. If so, please provide the appropriate contact points so we may move forward immediately and initiate these discussions.

Best regards.

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