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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

January 11, 2005

Office of the Chief
Regulatory Branch

Rio Hondo College
Attention: Andy Howard
3600 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, California 90601-1699

Re: Initial Study for the Rio Hondo College Master Plan

Dear Dr. Howard:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project referenced above. Based on our preliminary review of the information submitted, we have determined that the proposed project may require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit.

A Corps of Engineers permit is required for the discharge of dredged or fill material into, including any redeposit of dredged material within, "waters of the United States" and adjacent wetlands pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972. Specifically, the construction of a perimeter road near the banks of a designated blue-line stream identified in the above document as a water of the United States may require a Section 404 permit if dredged or fill material is discharged within the limits of our geographical jurisdiction.

We recommend further consultation to determine the limits of our geographical jurisdiction in order to ensure compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 452-3290. Please refer to this letter and 200500438-KW in your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth Wong".

Kenneth Wong
Project Manager
Regulatory Branch