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Halifax County, Virginia is a member of the Regional Partnership of Local Governments (RPLG), and is in agreement with items noted as areas of concern in the December 11, 2001 letter to Ms. Haggett from RPLG Coordinator Russell O. Slayton, Jr.. There is an additional area of concern of Halifax County that I wish to express on behalf of the Halifax County Board of Supervisors. I stated this concern to Ms. Haggett at the April 5, 2000 "listening session" of the Corps of Engineers at Clarksville, Virginia.

Halifax County believes that is critical that some study be devoted to the relationship of operations of Kerr, Philpott, and Smith Mountain/Leesville. The County understands that the facilities operate under differing guidelines and under different authorities. The current drought has mandated that a coordination of releases be conducted by these impoundments (and also those downstream of Kerr), giving clear and convincing evidence that the facilities' operations are related. Therefore, the County urges that the Kerr 216 Study recognize this relationship of all the impoundments, and that any proposed changes in Kerr operations take into account the direct and indirect implications for operations at the other facilities.

The County believes that the inclusion of the relationship of these facilities is an integral part of the four areas of concern noted in the RPLG comments of December 11. Neither Kerr nor any other impoundment operates in isolation, and any changes in one will have impact on others. Therefore, the interrelationship of facilities must be a part of any comprehensive study.

The County of Halifax appreciates the opportunity to address the scope of the 216 Study, and looks forward to participating in the process on behalf of its citizens and as a member of the Regional Partnership of Local Governments.

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