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AGENCY SEEKS COMMENT ON STUDY OF RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is seeking public comment on its Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Improvements to the USIBWC Rio Grande Flood Control Projects along the Texas-Mexico Border (Draft PEIS). The document analyzes potential environmental impacts of future flood control project improvements under consideration over the next 20 years.

The Draft PEIS considers future improvements to three projects in Texas – the Rectification Flood Control Project in El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, the Presidio Flood Control Project in Presidio County, and the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties. The Draft PEIS takes a broad programmatic look at the potential environmental implications of measures identified for future implementation. This broad evaluation will guide more detailed future studies of individual projects that may be implemented.

The Draft PEIS is available on the USIBWC web page at <http://www.ibwc.state.gov/Files/RioGrandeDraftPEIS.pdf>. Copies of the Draft PEIS are also available for inspection and review at the following locations:

- USIBWC Headquarters, 4171 N. Mesa, Bldng C, El Paso, TX 79902
- City of Presidio Library, 2440 Oreilly St., Presidio, TX 79845
- McAllen Public Library, 601 N. Main Street, McAllen, TX 78501
- USIBWC Mercedes Field Office, 325 Golf Course Road, Mercedes, TX 78570
- Harlingen Public Library, 410 '76 Drive, Harlingen, TX 78550
- Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520

The USIBWC has also scheduled three public hearings in August to accept comments on the Draft PEIS. The hearings are scheduled as follows:

El Paso – 6:00 p.m. August 21, USIBWC Headquarters, 4171 N. Mesa St., Bldng C
Presidio – 6:00 p.m. August 22, Presidio Chamber of Commerce, 202 W. Oreilly St.
McAllen – 6:00 p.m. August 28, Four Point Sheraton Hotel, 2721 S. 10th St.

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