

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT**  
**OF REMOTE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS (RVS)**  
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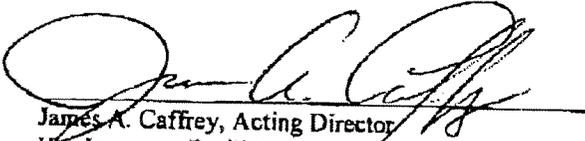
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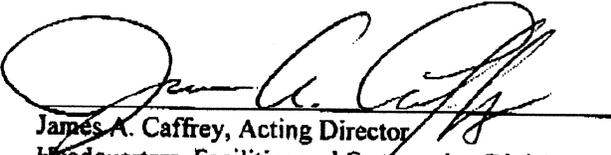
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES:	The Proposed Action addresses the construction and upgrade of access roads required to access the RVS sites. The National Environmental Policy Act also requires that the No Action Alternative be analyzed in an EA.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION:	Approximately, 0.3 acres of vegetation would be permanently removed due to the construction of the new access road to the Walker Tower 2B site. The Lupes Tower site would not experience additional impacts since improvements would remain within existing alignments. No protected species or cultural resources were recorded within the proposed road corridor during recent surveys. Only negligible and temporary additional impacts to water resources and air quality would occur as a result of implementation of the Proposed Action. Best Management Practices (BMPs) would be implemented to reduce these potential effects.
CONCLUSIONS:	Based upon the results of these EAs, it is concluded that the Proposed Action is not likely to adversely affect the environment; therefore, further environmental analysis is not warranted.

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**SECTION 1.0**  
**INTRODUCTION**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

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This document supplements the Environmental Assessment (EA) of Remote Video Surveillance Systems (RVS) and Communication Towers (CTOW) for the U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) in the Harlingen, Laredo, and Eagle Pass Stations (INS 2002).

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### **1.1 Purpose and Need**

The stated purpose and need for the original EA would remain unchanged and, therefore, is incorporated herein by reference. In summary, the purpose of this project is to support USBP missions to reduce or eliminate illegal immigrant and drug trafficking along the southwestern border. The need for the Proposed Action is to ensure reliable access to the RVS sites during inclement weather.

### **1.2 Description of the Project Area**

The Walker Tower 2B RVS project site is located in south-central Texas, approximately 18 miles north of the City of Laredo just off of U.S. Hwy 83 and Webb Cut Off Road. The Proposed Action would occur along a 10–12 feet (ft) wide by approximately 1,200 ft corridor, from the Webb Cut Off Road to the Walker Tower 2B RVS site. This tower would be a 400-ft high, free standing steel tower that would serve as a RVS site and a relay station for other existing RVS sites.

The Lupes Tower site is located approximately 7 miles northwest of Laredo and 1 mile west of State Highway 1472. There is currently an existing access road to this site; however, it is in dire need of repair to allow year-round access for maintenance purposes. This tower is proposed as a 200-ft, free standing steel tower. The location of

the proposed road construction and improvement activities is provided in Figure 1-1. Photographs of the Walker and Lupes Tower project sites are provided in Appendix A.

### 1.3 Applicable Environmental Statutes and Regulations

This SEA was prepared by Gulf South Research Corporation (GSRC) under contract to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Fort Worth District, in accordance with, but not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA); Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended; the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended; the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, as amended; Executive Order (E.O.) No. 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment"; E.O. No. 11988, "Floodplain Management"; E.O. No. 11990, "Protection of Wetlands"; E.O. No. 13007, "Indian Sacred Sites"; E.O. No. 13045, "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks"; and E.O. No. 12898 "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice." Table 1-1 summarizes the pertinent environmental requirements that guided the development of this SEA.

**Table 1-1. Applicable Environmental Statutes and Regulations**

<b>Federal Statutes</b>
Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954
National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended
National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended
Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1972
Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended
Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974
Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1980
Clean Air Act of 1990, as amended
Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990
Clean Water Act of 1997, as amended
<b>Executive Orders, Memorandums, etc.</b>
Floodplain Management (E.O. 11988) of 1977
Protection of Wetlands (E.O. 11990) of 1977
Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments (Presidential Memorandum) of 1994
Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice to Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (E.O. 12898) of 1994
Indian Sacred Sites (E.O. 13007) of 1996
Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks (E.O. 13045) of 1997
Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (E.O. 13175) of 2000
Protection of Migratory Birds & Game Mammals (E.O. 11629) of 2001

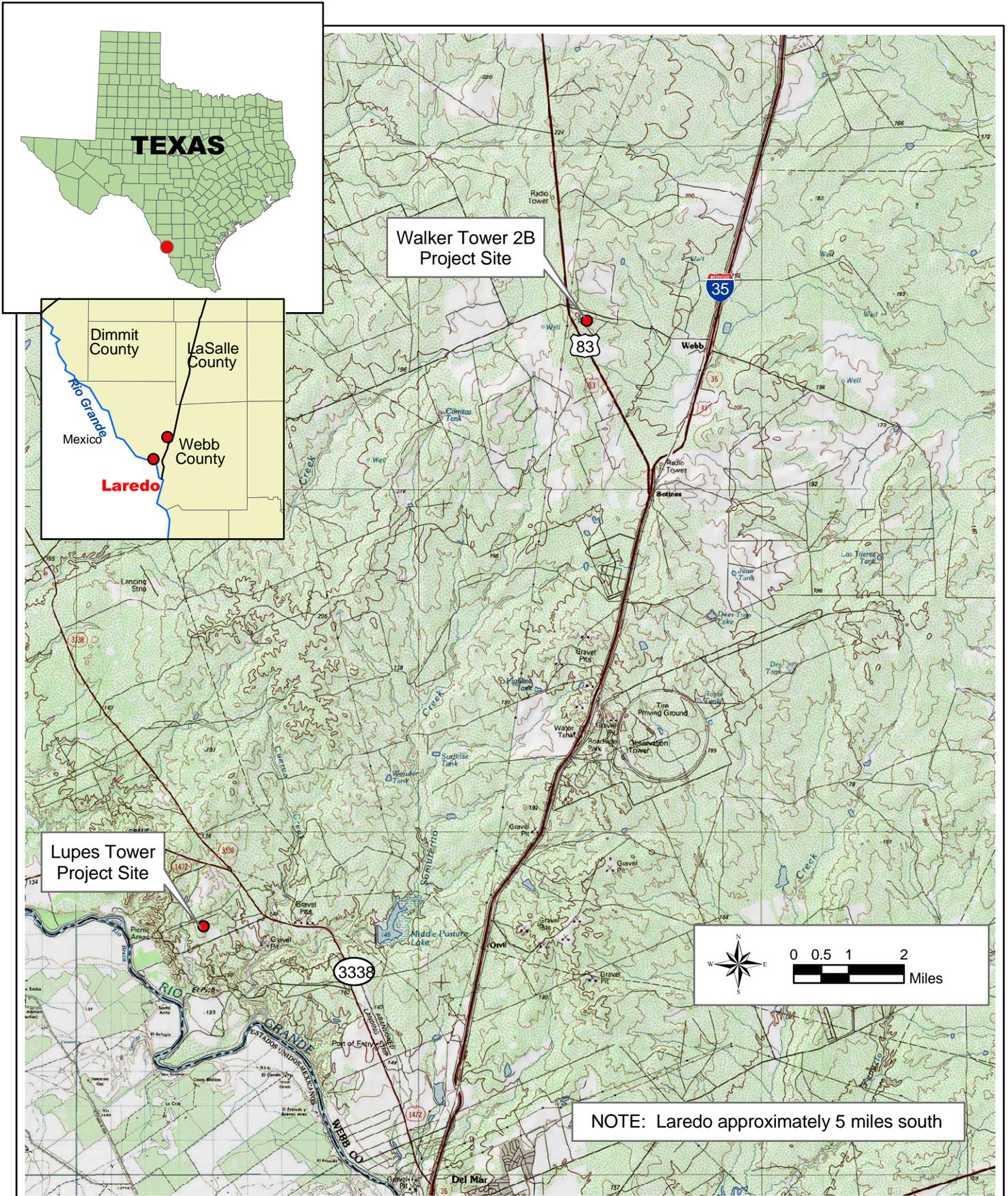


Figure 1-1. RVS Locations

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## **2.0 ALTERNATIVES**

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Two alternatives were considered during the preparation of this SEA: the No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action. This section provides a brief description of the two alternatives that would be carried forward for analysis under the NEPA process.

### **2.1 No Action**

The No Action Alternative would not allow construction of a new Walker Tower access road or improvements to the existing Lupes Tower access road to occur. Without the proposed improvements, installation of the Lupes Tower RVS site might be impeded or prohibited, or the road would continue to deteriorate to impassable condition, thus, hindering future maintenance activities. Without the Walker Tower access road, installation of this site would be prohibited and operation of many of the other RVS sites recently installed would be hampered since this tower would serve as a relay station as well.

### **2.2 Proposed Action**

The Proposed Action consists of improvements to approximately 600 feet of existing access roadway (10 to 12 feet wide) from an existing private ranch road to the Lupes Tower RVS site and construction of a new access road (12 feet wide by 1,200 feet long) from the Webb Cut Off Road to the Walker Tower 2B RVS Site. The proposed improvements would consist of preparing the existing surface for an application of a caliche type (crushed stone or gravel aggregate) surface. The new aggregate surface would then be graded and periodically maintained by the USBP. Construction of the new Walker Tower access road would consist of clearing and grading the roadbed and applying a caliche type surface. Combined, the Proposed Action would encompass approximately 0.5 acres, of which about 0.17 acres is currently disturbed (i.e., extant road right of way [ROW]). The construction period is expected to take no more than seven days.

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ALTERNATIVES**



### **2.3 Alternatives Considered but Eliminated from Further Analysis**

One other alternative was considered during the preparation of this SEA. Improvements to an existing roadway alignment from Webb Cut Off Road to the Walker Tower 2B site were considered; however, this alternative was eliminated from further analysis due to the inability of the USBP to acquire an easement from the current landowner. This road would have required some minor grading and surfacing, but would have reduced the permanent impacts relative to those associated with new construction.

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## **3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES**

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The entire project area analyzed under this SEA remains within the scope and alignment of the original EA. Therefore, all of the findings identified in Section 3.0, "Affected Environment", of the original EA (INS 2002) are herein incorporated by reference.

A brief description of the existing conditions of each resource potentially affected by the Proposed Action is provided in the following subsections. These descriptions are included only to provide a basis for the impact analyses. For more detailed descriptions of all the existing conditions, please refer to the original EA, which can be reviewed at the following URL address: <http://ins.swf.usace.army.mil>.

### **3.1 Geology and Soils**

The area consists of rolling hills with gentle slopes. Soil at or near the Walker Tower site is composed of Duval fine sandy loam and is generally associated with plains and summits of low rolling hills (NRCS 1985). Soils at the Lupes Tower site consist of Verick soils, which are deep to shallow, gently sloping loamy soils. No additional impacts to soils or the geological features would be anticipated as a result of either the No Action or the Proposed Action at the Lupes Tower site. While the Proposed Action would temporarily disturb soils within the alignments of the existing access road, these soils are currently disturbed and serve as the existing roadbed. The addition of a caliche-type surface would not result in any additional impacts, direct or indirect, since all construction would remain within the existing alignment. Construction of the access road at the Walker Tower site would permanently impact approximately 0.3 acres of soils. The Proposed Action would not affect any prime farmlands.

### **3.2 Water Resources**

No Waters of the U.S. or potential jurisdictional wetlands occur at either of the RVS sites; therefore, no impacts to these sensitive resources would occur. The No Action Alternative would result in minor increases in turbidity to the area's water resources due to continued traffic on an unimproved road surface. During construction of the Proposed Actions, erosion control measures would be implemented. Application of a caliche-type

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material as a road surface material to both roads would alleviate future erosion problems. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) would not be required under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit process since the total area of disturbance is less than one acre. Best Management Practices associated with a construction SWPPP would be administered during the construction period to reduce or even eliminate erosion and sedimentation problems.

### **3.3 Biological Resources**

Both sites are located within the south Texas plains region. The vegetation within this region is dominated by mesquite-black brush (*Prosopis glandulosa-Acacia rigidula*) communities (INS 2002). No threatened or endangered species were observed at either of the sites (INS 2002). Approximately 0.3 acres of vegetation would be permanently disturbed as a result of the construction of the Walker Tower access road. Road improvements at the Lupes Tower site would not result in additional impacts to vegetation communities; therefore, no significant impacts are expected as a result of either the No Action or the Proposed Action.

As identified in the original Final EA (INS 2002), wildlife may be temporarily disturbed as a result of construction activities associated with the Proposed Action. Any temporary impacts to nocturnal species would be minimized by restricting construction activities to normal daylight hours as stipulated in the original EA. There is a possibility that both RVS towers could pose hazards to migratory birds; however, since the design is a freestanding tower and guy wires would not be required, the potential is greatly reduced. Furthermore, tower construction would adhere to the USFWS interim guidelines designed to reduce impacts to migratory birds such as installation of white or red strobe lights and incorporation of a freestanding design (USFWS 2000). Therefore, the Proposed Action is not anticipated to have a significant impact to the sustainability of the migratory bird population.

### **3.4 Land Use and Aesthetics**

Both RVS sites are located on a private ranch. Land use is open rangeland, primarily for cattle. No additional impacts to land use or aesthetics are expected as a result of

implementation of either of the alternatives. The project corridor at the Lupes Tower Site is currently an access road utilized by the USBP as well as the landowner. The proposed road ROW for the Walker Tower site is currently used as open rangeland and would be permanently altered by the construction of the new access roads. Neither site would be visible from public roads; thus, no effects to the region's aesthetic values would occur. No significant impacts would occur as a result of either the No Action or the Proposed Action.

### **3.5 Cultural Resources**

Surveys for cultural resources were conducted for both of the proposed sites. One cultural resources site (41WB604) was previously recorded within or near the proposed Walker Tower RVS site. This site was determined to be ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and concurrence was received from the State Historic Preservation Office (INS 2002). The proposed road construction/improvement ROW was surveyed in July 2003 on both sites.

During the survey of the Lupes Tower access road ROW, a total of three shovel tests were excavated which recovered three pieces of firecracked rock, eight flakes of prehistoric lithic debitage, and one piece of brown bottle glass (CAR 2003). Prehistoric lithic debitage are the chipped remains of stone tool production. The cultural material that was recovered was in a disturbed context as evident by the recovery of historic brown bottle glass beneath the deposits of prehistoric flakes. Due to the disturbed nature of these deposits and their relatively low research potential, they are not considered eligible for inclusion on the NRHP (CAR 2003). As a result, no impacts are anticipated to Cultural Resources from the construction of the Lupes Tower access road.

During the survey of the Walker Tower access road ROW a total of six shovel tests were excavated along the ROW. One shovel test recovered a single chert flake of prehistoric lithic debitage (CAR 2003). Shovel tests that were placed around this positive test recovered no additional cultural material. Another three flakes of lithic debitage were observed scattered across the surface with the project area (CAR 2003). No other cultural material was observed or recovered from the Walker Tower access road ROW. Given the low-density of cultural materials, their lack of associational integrity and very

low research potential, these deposits are not eligible for listing on the NRHP (CAR 2003). As a result, no impacts are anticipated to Cultural Resources from the construction of the Walker Tower access road.

### **3.6 Air Quality**

Webb County is considered to be in attainment for all air quality standards (INS 2002). Particulate matter has the potential to increase from unimproved roadway dust under the No Action Alternative. The Proposed Action would result in minor increases of particulate matter from road bed material dust and vehicle emissions during the construction activities. However, long-term fugitive dust emissions would be expected to be reduced due to the application of a caliche-type material.

### **3.7 Cumulative Impacts**

The No Action would not result in additional cumulative impacts to the region. Approximately 0.3 acres would be impacted under the Proposed Action adding to the cumulative effects that have occurred or would occur in the region. Placing a caliche-type material on an existing or new road surface would not degrade any adjacent vegetation communities, cultural resource sites, wetlands, or the regions air quality.

The Laredo South Station is currently in the early stages of planning additional infrastructure improvements. These improvements include patrol and drag road improvements, installation of lights, construction of bridges and low water crossings, and installation of fences. These projects, if they come to fruition, would add to the cumulative effects within the region. However, these actions and their consequent effects cannot be quantified at the present time. No other development plans near or within the proposed project sites are currently known by the SEA preparers.

**SECTION 4.0**  
**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

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## **4.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

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### **4.1 Agency Coordination**

Formal and informal coordination has been conducted during the original EA and this SEA with the following agencies:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Border Patrol (USBP)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Texas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
- Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC)
- Laredo Community College (LCC)
- U.S. Section, International Boundary Water and Commission (USIBWC)

### **4.2 Public Review**

The Draft SEA was made available for public review on 29 August 2003 to 29 September 2003. On 29 August 2003, the Notice of Availability (NOA) was published in the Laredo Morning Times. Proof of publication is provided as Figure 4-1.

Only one verbal comment was received during the comment period. The landowner of the Walker Tower site stated that the site location identified on Figure 1-1 of the draft document was depicted in the wrong location. Figure 1-1 was corrected accordingly.

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<p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b></p> <p>reby given of a City Council Meeting to be 5, 2003, at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council at 1110 Houston St. The following will be</p> <p>consideration of a proposed amendment to ice (Map) by authorizing the issuance of mit for the storage of flammable and on Lots 2 through 7, Block 49, Eastern 220 Market St.</p> <p>consideration of a proposed amendment to the Map) by authorizing the issuance of a mit on All of Block 270, Eastern Division, located</p> <p>consideration of a proposed amendment to ice (Map) by rezoning Lot 6, Block 3, Del Mar cated 102 Del Court, from B-3 (Community o B-4 (Highway Commercial District).</p> <p>consideration of a proposed amendment to ice (Map) by rezoning Lot 1, Block 212, cated 1701 S. Meadow Ave., from B-1 al District) to B-3 (Community Business</p> <p>consideration of a proposed amendment to ice (Map) by rezoning 4.8 acres, located from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to mercial District).</p> <p>consideration of a proposed amendment to ice (Map) by rezoning 0.454 acres, located t Dr. and west of Atlanta Dr., from AG t) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">L-81</p>			<p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b> <b>Ordinance No. 2003 O-196</b></p> <p>AMENDING CHAPTER 30 TAXATION, ARTICLE II, HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX, SEC. 30-19; REPORTS; PAYMENT, FOR THE COLLECTION OF MONTHLY HOTEL-MOTEL TAXES, INSTEAD OF QUARTERLY TAXES TO COINCIDE WITH THE TEXAS STATUTES, CHAPTER 156, HOTEL-MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX 156.151, REPORT AND PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.</p> <p><b>THE ABOVE CAPTION OF SAID NOTICE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THE 18TH OF AUGUST, 2003.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.</b> <b>CITY SECRETARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">L-75</p>			<p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b></p> <p>It is the right of the owner of Licensed to claim these motor vehicles within thirty (30) day of this notice. The owner is responsible to make payment of all towing, storage, preservation, or any additional charges resulting from the impounding of the vehicle. Failure to claim said motor vehicle shall be deemed to transfer by the owner, and all beneficiaries of all right title, interest in the vehicle and consent of the sale of the impounded motor vehicle public auction.</p> <p><b>WV PLATE ES000PT</b> <b>WV ST-4VY</b> <b>WVMT FAPPS (SUPER) 36131</b> <b>PICKED UP: APRIL 27, 2003</b> <b>OLDSMOBILE (DELTA 88) (WHITE)</b> <b>NO PLATES</b> <b>WILSON (SUNSHINE) 18645</b> <b>PICKED UP: JUNE 25, 2003</b> <b>ST. CRYV (BLAZER) (RED/BLACK)</b> <b>NO TISS</b> <b>1990 STARG (RED/BLACK)</b> <b>PICKED UP: JULY 16, 2003</b></p> <p>In compliance with the State of Texas V.A.T.S. Article 4071c, Texas Motor Assessment Act, impounded motor vehicles are being offered for sale to the highest bidder.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">L-78</p>		
			<p><b>NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY</b></p> <p><b>DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OR REMOTE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS (RVS) AND COMMUNICATION TOWERS (CTOW) FOR THE U.S. BORDER PATROL IN THE HARLINGEN, LAREDO, AND EAGLE PASS STATIONS</b></p> <p>The public is hereby notified of the availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) of remote video surveillance (RVS) systems and communication towers (CTOW) for the USBP Harlingen, Laredo, and Eagle Pass stations' areas of operations. The proposed action consists of construction of a new access road and upgrade of an existing roadway to provide access to two RVS sites: the Walker Tower 2B and Lupes Tower. This document supplements the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) of RVS Systems and CTOW for the USBP in the Harlingen, Laredo, and Eagle Pass Stations. The Draft SEA and the original EA will be made available for review at the Laredo Public Library, 1120 East Calton Road, Laredo, TX 78041, (956) 795-2400 and on the internet at <a href="http://ins.swf.usacra.army.mil">http://ins.swf.usacra.army.mil</a>. Please submit written comments to Mr Glenn Bixler, U.S.Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 17300, Room 3A14, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300, or fax comments to Mr. Bixler at (817) 886-1499. Written comments must be received by Monday, September 29, 2003.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">L-82</p>			<p><b>Townlake-Hillside Self-Storage</b></p> <p>shall hold public auction on August 30, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at 1234 Townlake Dr., to satisfy lien on the units:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(HN03) Maria Dolores Leija;</b> <b>(HN40) Roberto Garza Jr.; (TF21) Gerardo Arrellano.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">L-83</p>		
			<p><b>Your morning wake up call</b></p> <p><b>Seven day a week</b></p> <p><b>To subscribe call 956-725-2555</b></p> <p><b>www.lmtonline.com</b></p>					

Figure 4-1 Published Notice of Availability

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**SECTION 6.0**  
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<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>DISCIPLINE/ EXPERTISE</b>	<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>ROLE IN PREPARING SEA</b>
Mark Doles	USACE/ Fort Worth District	Ecology	10 years natural resources and NEPA related studies	Project Manager
John P. Mire	GSRC	Wildlife Conservation	9 years natural resources/fisheries/ floodplain management/ NEPA and related studies	Impact analysis and SEA review
Chris Ingram	GSRC	Biology/Ecology	25 years EA/EIS studies	Impact analysis and SEA review
Suna Adam Knaus	GSRC	Forestry/Wildlife	14 years NEPA and related studies	SEA review

**APPENDIX A**



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**APPENDIX A- PROJECT SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**

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**Photograph 1.** View of the proposed Walker Tower access road alignment (red arrows note the survey flagging of the proposed road alignment)



**Photograph 2.** View of the existing roadway proposed for improvements to the Lupes Tower site.

**APPENDIX B**





**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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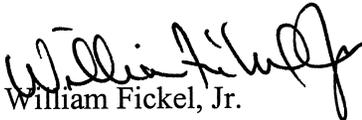
Ms. Patty Reeh  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
1921 Cedar Bend Drive, Suite 150  
Austin, Texas 78758

Dear Ms. Reeh:

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Sincerely,

  
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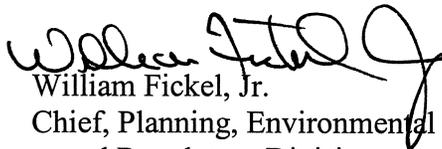
Honorable Louis H. Bruni  
Webb County Judge  
Webb County Court House  
1000 Houston St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Laredo Texas, 78040

Dear Judge Bruni:

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Mr. Eric Walker  
P.O. Box 2152  
Laredo, Texas 78044

Mr. Walker:

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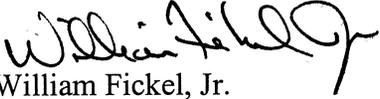
Mr. Guadalupe Saenz, Jr.  
3117 Kearney  
Laredo Texas 78041

Dear Mr. Saenz:

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Mr. Michael P. Jansky  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6  
Office of Planning and Coordination  
Room 6ENXP  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Jansky:

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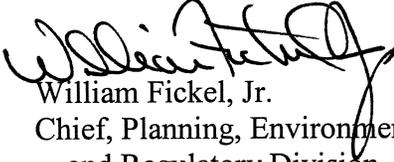
Ms. Celeste Brancel-Brown  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Wildlife Diversity Program  
3000 State IH-35, Suite 100  
Austin, Texas 78704

Dear Ms. Brancel-Brown:

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Mr. Ernesto Reyes  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Fish and Wildlife Biologist  
Alamo Sub-Office Route 2  
Alamo, Texas 78516

Dear Mr. Reyes:

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Mr. John Burt  
State Conservationist  
USDA-NRCS  
101 South Main  
Temple, Texas 76501

Dear Mr. Burt:

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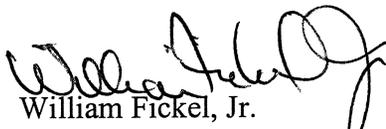
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Texas Ecological Services Office  
Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi  
Campus Box 338  
6300 Ocean Dr.  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

Dear Mr. Strand:

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The University of Texas ★ San Antonio

Center for Archaeological Research

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August 26, 2003

Mr. Mark Denton  
Texas Historical Commission  
P.O. Box 12276  
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: *An Archaeological Survey of the Lupe and Walker Tower Access Roads, Webb County, Texas.*  
Letter Report No. 147

Dear Mr. Denton:

Enclosed please find 20 courtesy copies of the above-captioned report. While this project was not conducted under a Texas Antiquities Permit, we consulted with Ms. Patience Patterson of the USACE office in Fort Worth. We trust that a draft copy of this report was forwarded to you for your comments.

We look forward to continued growth of our working relationship and appreciate your guidance in matters related to Cultural Resource Management. If you have any questions or if additional copies of the final report are needed, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve A. Tomka  
Director

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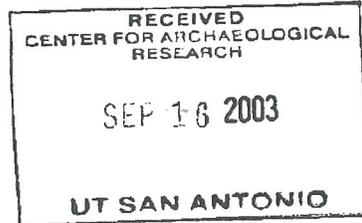


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September 12, 2003



Steve A. Tomka, Ph.D.  
University of Texas at San Antonio  
Center for Archaeological Research  
6900 North Loop 1604 West  
San Antonio, TX78249-0658

Re: Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966  
Final Report: *An Archaeological Survey of the Lupe and Walker Tower Access Roads,  
Webb County* (COE-FWD, F2, F3)

Dear Colleague:

We are in receipt of twenty copies of the final letter report referenced above. We will add the report to our library and send the additional copies to libraries across the state.

Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If we may be of further assistance, please contact Bill Martin (512/463-6096).**

Sincerely,

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for  
F. Lawrence Oaks, State Historic Preservation Officer

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August 26, 2003

Ms. Patience Patterson  
USACE, Fort Worth  
Environmental Resources Branch  
P.O. Box 17300  
Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300

Dear Ms. Patterson:

Enclosed please find three copies of the final report *An Archaeological Survey of the Lupe and Walker Tower Access Roads, Webb County, Texas*. Twenty copies of the report have been sent to Mr. Mark Denton at the Texas Historical Commission.

We appreciated your guidance and comments on the draft report and look forward to future interactions with you and your office. If you have any questions or need additional copies, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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October 6, 2003

Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division

Subject: Archaeological Survey of the Lupe and Walker Tower Access Roads, Webb County, Texas

Mr. Bill Martin  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Texas Historical Commission  
P.O. Box 12276  
Capital Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

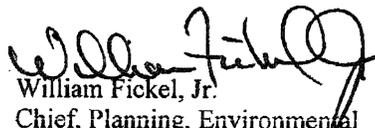
Dear Mr. Martin:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District is acting for the Department of Homeland Security in preparing an Environmental Assessment for the installation and operation of two Remote Video Surveillance Towers in Webb County, Texas for the Laredo Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol. A cultural resources survey for the access roads to these towers was recently completed. It has come to our attention that 20 copies of the above referenced report, *An Archaeological Survey of the Lupe and Walker Tower Access Roads, Webb County, Texas*, were submitted directly to your office from our contractor.

We are now writing to your office in an effort to complete the Section 106 consultation process. Given the findings presented in the report completed by UTSA-CAR and in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District has determined there will be no historic properties affected. We ask for your concurrence with this determination.

We have not provided you with a copy of this report, as you have 20 copies of the report. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Nancy Parrish at (817) 886-1725.

Sincerely,

  
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State Historic Preservation Office  
Texas Historical Commission  
P.O. Box 12276  
Capital Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Martin:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District is acting for the Department of Homeland Security in preparing an Environmental Assessment for the installation and operation of two Remote Video Surveillance Towers in Webb County, Texas for the Laredo Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol. A cultural resources survey for the access roads to these towers was recently completed. It has come to our attention that 20 copies of the above referenced report, *An Archaeological Survey of the Lupe and Walker Tower Access Roads, Webb County, Texas*, were submitted directly to your office from our contractor.

We are now writing to your office in an effort to complete the Section 106 consultation process. Given the findings presented in the report completed by UTSA-CAR and in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District has determined there will be no historic properties affected. We ask for your concurrence with this determination.

We have not provided you with a copy of this report, as you have 20 copies of the report. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Nancy Parrish at (817) 886-1725.

Sincerely,

<b>CONCUR</b>	
by	
for	F. Lawrence
State Historic Preservation Officer	
Date	10/6/03

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