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11th US Circuit Court of Appeals issues ruling

MOBILE, Ala. – The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued its ruling in the appeal of the Tri-State Water Rights Litigation on June 28, 2011. In its ruling, the Court said that the original authorizing language for Lake Sidney Lanier made water supply an authorized project purpose. The Court ruling gives the Corps one year to complete its analysis of its water supply authority and release its conclusions.

“We are in the process of reviewing the 11th Circuit’s ruling so we can ensure full compliance,” said Col. Steven J. Roemhildt, Commander of Mobile District. “We are also assessing the impact of the ruling on our current Water Control Manual update process.”

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District has five lake projects on the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Rivers System and operates the system to meet the authorized purposes of hydropower, water supply, navigation, flood damage reduction, recreation, water quality and fish and wildlife conservation.

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