



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

To: Anne J. Castle
Secretary's Designee, Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Assistant Secretary – Water and Science

From: Secretary *Ken Salazar* APR 30 2012

Subject: Report and Recommendations From the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Work Group
Federal Advisory Committee Meeting, February 22-23, 2012

I have reviewed and considered the two documents containing the recommendations of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG). First, I want to convey my sincere thanks to the AMWG for the dedication, passion, and wealth of knowledge they provide in guiding our efforts to appropriately manage the operations of Glen Canyon Dam. Without this important Federal Advisory Committee we would not have the breadth of input that factors into the many complex decisions to be made, and our overall resources management would be less effective.

As requested, I have reviewed the Desired Future Conditions (DFC) document, and recognize it as a milestone for the Adaptive Management Program. I am directing the AMWG to utilize these DFCs to inform and guide the AMWG's future considerations, including advice and recommendations to me concerning the operations of Glen Canyon Dam and other related actions.

With respect to the report of the Socioeconomic Ad Hoc Group, I appreciate the comprehensive nature of the program and plan proposed, and the support of the AMWG for the implementation of these socioeconomic impact assessment studies. I am directing the interagency team from the Department of the Interior to communicate to the AMWG the specific studies and activities that should be prioritized for utilization as part of the ongoing National Environmental Policy Act process to develop a Long Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) for Glen Canyon Dam. The Technical Work Group can then identify information needs and research priorities not addressed through the LTEMP process so that the Glen Canyon Monitoring and Research Center can refine and develop a work plan.