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MEMORANDUM

To: Members and Alternates – (See Attached List)
Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

From: P. Lynn Scarlett
Deputy Secretary

Subject: Response to Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group Report and Recommendation

The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group met on September 9-10, 2008, in Flagstaff, Arizona. At that meeting one recommendation was made to the Secretary of the Interior. This recommendation was considered by the appropriate Departmental officials. The following provides a response on behalf of the Secretary to that recommendation:

AMWG Recommendation: To recommend that the Secretary of the Interior adopt the GCDAMP FY09 annual budget and workplan dated August 8, 2008; and that the Water Year 2009 hydrograph will consist of Modified Low Fluctuating Flow operations from November 2008 through August 2009, include experimental steady flows in October 2008 and September 2009, and include up to 5 days of steady flows at 8,000 cfs in late May 2009 to accommodate the planned remote sensing overflight of the Colorado River; with the following changes:

- Page 237: the summary of the 2008 conservation measures will be replaced by the full text of the conservation measures;
- Page 27, line 562: reference to Havasu Creek and Bright Angel Creek will be removed.

DOI Response: The Department concurs with the AMWG's recommendation regarding the FY09 workplan, budget and hydrograph, including the recommended amendments. The approved FY09 hydrograph is fully consistent with the approved Experimental Releases from Glen Canyon Dam (2008-2012) and the workplan and budget will facilitate the Department's ongoing efforts through the GCDAMP (Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program).

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