

## Downstream Riparian Ecosystem Task Group

### JOHN H. KERR DAM AND RESERVOIR SECTION 216 FEASIBILITY STUDY MONTHLY UPDATE

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**ACCOMPLISHMENTS – PREVIOUS MONTH:**

- Formed subcommittee to draft scope of work for vegetation impact evaluation
- Revised PMP for Task 1
- Email discussions on vegetation and wildlife indicator species

**CURRENT TASKS UNDERWAY:**

- Review of RRBROM model by USACE
- Information being gathered to help select wildlife indicator species.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

- Proposing a two-step Phase 2 for one task that will require more review of information than can be accomplished during Phase 1. This review will guide development of scope of work for actual study to be done in second step of Phase 2.
- Length of time for Phase 2 may not allow for some ecosystem effects to be fully studied. Adaptive management approach may be one possible alternative recommended.

**MILESTONES:**

Develop strawman scopes of work and RFP's for tasks

Meeting to discuss strawman drafts

Revise strawman drafts and circulate

Finalize scopes of work for Phase 2

**COMPLETION DATE:**

3/15/04

end of March

mid April

5/31/04