

Notice of Availability
Final Environmental Assessment for the
Acequia de los Ranchos Rehabilitation Project, Santa Fe County, New Mexico

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, has completed the **Final Environmental Assessment for the Acequia de los Ranchos Rehabilitation Project, Santa Fe County, New Mexico (Final EA)**. The purpose of this project is to provide the Acequia Association members with a reliable and more efficient water distribution system. The Acequia de los Ranchos rehabilitation project area is located in Chimayo, New Mexico near the confluence of the Santa Cruz River and Rio Quemado, approximately one mile south of the intersection of State Route 76 and Juan Medina Road. The project entails replacing a non-functioning diversion structure on the Rio Quemado, adding sluice structures at both diversions, and enclosing approximately 3,819 feet of the ditch in 15-inch diameter plastic pipeline. Project construction will begin in winter 2010 and continue for approximately eight weeks.

The Final EA is electronically available for viewing and copying at the Albuquerque District website (<http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/fonsi>). A hard copy will be sent upon request.

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