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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

CESPK-RD

6 May 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Navigable-In-Fact Determination for Lake Las Vegas in Clark County, Nevada
(ID SPK-2008-00470)

1. I have determined that Lake Las Vegas is navigable-in-fact. This determination is made in accordance with Appendix D of the Rapanos Guidance. In addition to use by floating watercraft establishing its navigable capacity, the lake provides recreation for interstate travelers.

2. Lake Las Vegas is a privately-owned impoundment surrounded by a residential and resort community. The 320-acre lake, which receives water from Lake Mead, was completed in 1991 to be incorporated as the centerpiece of the resort community. Although low flows are piped and flow under the lake, the Las Vegas Wash has the ability to spill into Lake Las Vegas during high water events. The dam for Lake Las Vegas is a concrete structure that is capped with an inflatable dam so that the lake level can be manipulated, if necessary. When lake levels are dropped, water flows into the Las Vegas Wash. The attached map indicates the location of the reservoir.

3. Lake Las Vegas has supported and currently supports use by private and commercial watercraft. Numerous boats including electric-crafts, kayaks, sailboats, and a yacht can be rented from the Lake Las Vegas Marina. Gondolas can also be rented for a minimum fee of \$135.00 and up. In addition to boating, the lake offers fishing and other water-related commercial activities to residents and resort guests, many of which are from out-of-state. As the centerpiece for the community, the lake is the primary attraction and amenity which draws tourism.

4. References:

Lake Las Vegas Resort <http://www.lakelasvegas.com/>

Lake Las Vegas Marina <http://www.westrec.com/nevada.html>

Gondola.com <http://www.gondola.com/Home.asp?Location=LakeLasVegas>

5. POC: Kiel Downing of the St. George Regulatory Office.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael S Jewell".

Michael S Jewell
Chief, Regulatory Division