

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

**WATER INTAKE FACILITY ON MELTON HILL RESERVOIR
FOR HALLSDALE-POWELL UTILITY DISTRICT
ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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Introduction

USACE, TVA, and the state of Tennessee issued a joint public notice (01-62) on Hallsdale-Powell Utility District's proposed water intake on August 9, 2001. This notice resulted in 67 letters or e-mails and several phone calls being received from interested individuals who opposed the project. Their concerns ranged from potential for noise from the intake pumps to impacts to wildlife, wetlands, water temperature, and water quality. In addition, many of those that commented asked for a public meeting to gain a better understanding of the project and express their views.

A public meeting was held on January 24, 2002 at Claxton Elementary School in Anderson County, Tennessee and comments were requested by February 15. At the meeting 32 people registered and comments by 16 speakers were recorded. Three additional written comments were received subsequent to this meeting. In total, 70 written comments were received from individuals about the project. Furthermore, HPUD addressed comments at a March 5, 2002; meeting of the Melton Hill Lake Users Association.

Collectively, these public comments, received by TVA and USACE, are included in this document (Volume II). Individual comments are arranged in alphabetical order by those commenting on the public notice and those comments received following public meetings.

Issues raised in these comments are addressed in Volume I – Final Environmental Assessment and Appendices, Including Responses to Public Comments. Comments from agencies are also included in Volume I.