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Mr. Rick Gardner, Chairman
North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission
201 North Market Street
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To: North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Resources Center, is pleased to release the **East Locust Creek Reservoir Economics Impact Report** to the North Central Regional Water Commission. This 2015 report is an update to the 2005 economic impact study, and was conducted to study the costs and benefits of the development of a new reservoir for water supply to the region. Based on the information provided to us, the total economic impact of this project to the regional economy was estimated as follows:

- 1,144 total jobs supported
- \$118.5 million in value added (\$14 million value added benefits annually)
- \$26.3 million in salaries and wages
- \$265,000 in annual flood damage reduction
- \$99.1 million in total costs (\$45.9 million in regional costs)

The benefit-cost ratio of the East Locust Creek Reservoir project is 1.20 and the regional benefit-cost ratio of the project is 2.58.

If you have any questions, please contact Sreedhar Upendram at (573) 526-6547 or me at (573) 751-2867.

Sincerely,

WATER RESOURCES CENTER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea D. Collier".

Andrea D. Collier, P.E.
Director

Enclosure

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