

candidates for possible ESA listing. Under the ESA, the presence of several endangered species in the project reach of the Duck River will prevent TVA from being able to complete this component of the project as a dam and reservoir.

The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comments on the scope of the EIS. TVA anticipates the range of alternatives will include no action (retaining project lands in their current condition and use) and one or more options using some project lands for protective corridor and recreational development along the river accompanied by the disposal of other land tracts. Potentially important issues likely to be discussed in the EIS include:

1. Impacts on terrestrial and aquatic life, including endangered and threatened species;
2. Impacts on recreation and other land uses;
3. Impacts on water quality and quantity;
4. Impacts on public water supplies;

5. Impacts on floodplains, wetlands, and prime farm land;
6. Impacts on archaeological and historical resources;
7. Socioeconomic and cultural effects.

This list is not intended to be all-inclusive, nor is it intended to be a predetermination of impacts. As preparation of the EIS proceeds, other issues may be revealed which will warrant detailed analysis.

The Tennessee Duck River Development Agency has agreed to participate in this EIS as a cooperating agency. Other agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, also may become cooperating agencies.

TVA invites interested persons and agencies to comment on the scope of this EIS. TVA also requests comments on environmental issues which should not be viewed as important and which should not be discussed in detail in the EIS. A public meeting will be held in the Duck River area on April 18, 1995 at 7:00 CDT at the Culleoka School, Culleoka, Tennessee to receive oral

comments about the scope of this EIS. Details about this meeting will be announced later in area newspapers. Comments received at the meeting will be accorded the same weight as written comments.

After the scoping process and the initial environmental analysis are completed, TVA will prepare a draft EIS on this proposed action. A Notice of Availability of this draft will be published in the **Federal Register** and area newspapers. Public comments on the draft EIS will be solicited. Those persons who choose not to comment on the scope of the EIS but wish to receive a copy of the draft for their review and comment should send their names and addresses to Dale V. Wilhelm at the address presented above. TVA anticipates releasing a final EIS on this project in August 1996.

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