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## **TCEQ Approves Lake Ringgold Water Rights Permit**

Wichita Falls, Texas- The City would like to thank the TCEQ Commissioners for their decision today to issue the Lake Ringgold water rights permit. This decision reflects that the City of Wichita Falls met its burden in establishing that the City's application complied with applicable state laws and regulations and is a defensible permit decision. Most importantly, this decision ensures that the people of Wichita Falls and its surrounding communities are one step closer to having water security for the future.

"We are pleased with the TECQ ruling. This is an important step toward securing our future water needs not just for the City of Wichita Falls, but also for our 15 wholesale water customers in towns around the city," said Wichita Falls Public Works Director Russell Schreiber.

In 2015 the City performed a Long-Range Water Supply Plan to identify any other options potentially available and weigh them against Lake Ringgold. The City of Wichita Falls wanted to be certain that Lake Ringgold was the most economical option. The study identified and investigated 22 different water supply alternatives. Lake Ringgold was recommended by the study as the most economical supply.

The next step in the process is the City must now secure a Section 404 permit under the Clear Water Act from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

These permits, if issued will give the City the authority to commence the construction of the reservoir.

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