



INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION  
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
UNITED STATES SECTION

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Mr. Carlos Rubinstein  
Commissioner  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
MC 100, PO Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Commissioner Rubinstein:

Thank you for your letter dated May 18, 2012, regarding the national ownership of waters of the Rio Grande at Ft. Quitman, Texas. I appreciate the information you have provided regarding current and historical perspectives on the applicable water accounting.

I have instructed my staff to review the information you have provided and other information in the records of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission and federal archives. Once we have completed this review, we would like to schedule a meeting with you to discuss your concerns about our water accounting procedures.

I understand the importance of accurate water accounting in conformance with the Convention of 1906 and the 1944 Water Treaty. During drought years like the current one an appropriate determination of the national ownership of waters becomes even more critical. I want to assure you that the concerns you have raised will receive the careful consideration of the U.S. Section.

Sincerely,

Edward Drusina, P.E.  
Commissioner