

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Víctor Hugo Alcocer
Subdirector General Técnico, CONAGUA

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Subject: Urgent Request for Permit to Sacrifice Four Bird Species

Dear Dr. Alcocer:

The MITRE Corporation is assisting the authorities of Mexico in examining bird hazard matters pertaining to the Nuevo Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de México (NAICM) in the Texcoco area. In order to support this work, bird experts working with the MITRE team need to be provided with four dead birds from a specific water body in the Texcoco area to conduct a necropsy, right after they are sacrificed. The reason for sacrificing the birds is for purposes of conducting a gut content analysis to determine the type of food that the birds are eating to assist in future habitat management decisions. The necropsy is to take place in about one hour (once the birds are sacrificed) and would be performed **right at the site**. This should take place during the visit to Mexico by the expert team, on Tuesday 5 December 2017, starting early in the morning to allow sufficient time to sacrifice the birds. MITRE expects that the Grupo Aeroportuario de la Ciudad de México (GACM) and CONAGUA would support MITRE on this effort and that GACM and CONAGUA will coordinate it as necessary ahead of time.

Therefore, a permit is required so that an appropriately trained Mexican citizen sacrifice four bird specimens (specifically, two northern shovelers and two ruddy ducks, to be selected by the expert team) for the necropsy. Thus, the expert team must be present when the bird specimens are sacrificed to ensure that the correct bird species are obtained and that they are obtained from the correct water body.

The authorization is required in advance of the visit, as the U.S. team should not face any legal risks in performing the necropsy.

Sincerely,



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CC: Dr. Bernardo Lisker, MITRE