



BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BILL RUTH

I served twenty-five years with the International Boundary & Water Commission, United States Section in various positions within the agency. I retired from the commission in December 1998 as Principal Engineer of the Special Projects Department. While serving as Principal Engineer, I was responsible for the Office of Construction Activities and the Office of Facility Planning for activities funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the cooperative international infrastructure projects along the United States/Mexican border.

In November 2002, I was appointed as Chairman and Federal Representative of the Rio Grande Compact Commission. The Commission is responsible for the accounting and distribution of the waters of the Rio Grande River among the states of Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas from the River's headwaters in Colorado to Fort Quitman, Texas.

In November 2008, I was appointed to the position of Commissioner, United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission. I served in this capacity until January 2010. It is the responsibility of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, to work together in the spirit of mutual respect and understanding to ensure that the rights and obligations of the treaties entrusted to the Commission over our 2000 mile border are applied.