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Public Workshops and Public Meeting planned for DeKalb, Putnam, and Smith counties on Center Hill Seepage Rehabilitation

(NASHVILLE, TENN., Nov. 26, 2007) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, will co-host two Center Hill Dam public workshops and a public meeting with emergency management personnel in DeKalb, Putnam, and Smith Counties. Communities in the area, including Liberty, Buffalo Valley, Temperance Hall, Lancaster, Long Branch, Gordonsville, Carthage, and South Carthage, are encouraged to attend the workshop or meeting scheduled for their county.

The DeKalb County public workshop will be held December 3rd at the Temperance Hall Community Center, 2760 Temperance Hall Road, Liberty, Tenn. The Putnam County public workshop will be held December 4th at the Buffalo Valley Community Center, 2717 Buffalo Valley School Road, Buffalo Valley, Tenn. The Smith County public meeting will be held December 6th at the Agricultural Center, 159 Ag Center Lane, Carthage, Tenn.

All workshops and meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Representatives of the Corps will be available to assist with inundation maps of the local area beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Putnam and DeKalb counties, and at 3:00 p.m. in Smith County.

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Corps officials will present a briefing, focusing on seepage problems, planning and construction efforts for a long-term fix, and emergency preparedness for downstream residents. Officials will try to answer the questions of residents concerning the recent announcement of the Center Hill Dam Consensus Report External Peer Review and the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

State and local emergency management personnel will also be available for questions regarding emergency planning in these communities.

For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office, Nashville District, Corps of Engineers, at (615) 736-7161. Persons who have an accommodation request or special need (e.g., sign language interpreter), should submit a request for accommodation in writing to Bill Peoples, chief, Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, Tenn., 37202 or by calling Dave Claussen at (615) 736- 7841. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Rehabilitation Act, the Corps of Engineers will make a reasonable effort to provide effective accommodations for all participants.

Media Advisory: The public and the media are invited to the meetings. There will be media availability before the public meeting with members of the panel of experts from the Corps of Engineers and Emergency Management personnel.