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Comment period opens on temporary changes to drought plan

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The [Savannah District of the Army Corps of Engineers](#) proposes to make a temporary revision to the 1989 Savannah River Basin Drought Contingency Plan and is soliciting comments from the public on the change. The revision in the plan would reduce the minimum daily average discharge of water from the [J. Strom Thurmond Dam and Lake](#) from 3,600 to 3,100 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the fall and winter months for the remainder of the present drought, if conditions warrant the reduction.

The change would preserve water in the three Savannah River reservoirs and delay the time at which those reservoirs would reach the bottom of their conversation storage pools. The Corps of Engineers would restore the discharges from the Thurmond reservoir to the present 3,600 cfs per day daily average if requested by either the states of Georgia or South Carolina.

A more detailed description of the proposed action is contained in the draft [Environmental Assessment](#) and [Appendices](#). The comment period, described in the [Joint Public Notice](#), is open until October 31.

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