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CORPS SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REDUCING FLOWS FROM SAVANNAH RIVER RESERVOIRS

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The [Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) seeks public comments on an environmental assessment (EA) to reduce outflows from its three-reservoir system on the upper Savannah River from January through mid-February during droughts.

The EA examines the effects of reducing discharges from the [J. Strom Thurmond Dam](#) to 3,600 cubic feet per second (cfs) from Jan. 1 through Feb. 15 if the Corps reservoirs on the Savannah River are in drought level 1 or level 2. The reduction would allow the Corps to manage outflows in advance of more severe drought conditions. Currently the Corps reservoirs on the Savannah River are in drought level 1 with a maximum weekly average discharge from Thurmond Dam of 4,200 cfs.

“The Corps would restore the discharge from Thurmond Dam up to the maximum of the pre-authorized drought plan if requested by either the state of Georgia or state of South Carolina,” said William Bailey, Chief of Planning for the Savannah District.

Officials posted the entire assessment online for public viewing at: <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/plnew.html>. The comment period for the EA runs through noon Jan. 3, 2011.

Comments can be mailed to: William Bailey (ATTN: PD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, PO Box 889, Savannah GA 31402 or e-mailed to CESAS-PD.SAS@USACE.ARMY.MIL.

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