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Flow reductions from Savannah River reservoirs end February 1

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Savannah, Ga. – On Feb. 1, the US Army Corps of Engineers will resume discharges of 3,600 cubic feet per second (cfs) from the current 3,100 cfs out of the J. Strom Thurmond Dam near Augusta, Ga., and its three-reservoir system on the Savannah River – Hartwell, Richard B. Russell, and J. Strom Thurmond – as required by a 2008 Environmental Assessment.

Since Nov. 24 Corps water managers have operated the reservoirs under a temporary deviation to the Savannah River Basin Drought Contingency Plan (SRBDCCP) to conserve water in the pools during the severe ongoing drought. Federal and state natural resource agencies had approved the reduction following requests from natural resource officials from the states of Georgia and South Carolina. The discharge represents a return to operating the reservoirs at our previously approved 3,600 cfs release.

As severe drought conditions persist in the region, specialists with the US Army Corps of Engineers continue their coordination with the Federal and state natural resource agencies to evaluate whether conditions may be suitable for reducing the flows in the future.

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