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Hwy 221 lane closing for repairs to spillway gates at Thurmond Dam

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The inspection and repairs to the Thurmond Dam flood control spillway gates, previously announced by the [U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Thurmond Project](#) Office, are scheduled to begin on February 10 and may take up to two years to complete. Safety and maintenance managers with the Savannah District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, report one lane of Highway 221 at Thurmond Dam will remain closed for the duration of the repairs.

“The lane closure was coordinated with Georgia and South Carolina Departments of Transportation and will be included in Georgia’s travel advisory notifications,” said Scott Hyatt, Thurmond Operations Project Manager. “Traffic lights, rumble strips, and warning signs will be in place during the road closure to ensure the safety of our contract employees and motorists along this stretch of Highway 221.”

Periodic structural inspection, evaluation, and repair of the hydraulic steel gates are required by Engineer Regulations and Dam Safety Manuals to ensure adequate strength and serviceability at the dam is maintained.

Funding for this project was authorized in 2009 under the President’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), or Stimulus program. A \$3.9 million contract was awarded to Atlantic Marine Corporation of Virginia Beach, Va., for work on all 23 spillway gates, including fracture critical weld inspections and repairs, and painting.

“This work on the spillway gates is vital and we’re very pleased to have received the stimulus funding to help ensure the serviceability of Thurmond Dam,” Hyatt said.

For more information, please contact the Corps’ Thurmond Lake Project Office toll free at 1-800-533-3478 ext. 1147.

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