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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ISSUANCE OF PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT 98
FOR MINOR STRUCTURES AND WORK
IN BLUE RIDGE, NOTTELY AND CHATUGE RESERVOIRS
WITHIN THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

The Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued Programmatic General Permit 98 (PGP 98) for a period of five (5) years, to authorize minor structures and work in waters of the United States; in Blue Ridge Reservoir, located on the Toccoa River in Fannin County, Georgia (Lat 34.8825, Lon -84.2790); in Nottely Reservoir, located on the Nottely River in Union County, Georgia (Lat 34.9614, Lon -84.0960); and in the southern portion of Chatuge Reservoir, located on the Hiwassee River in Towns County, Georgia (Lat 34.9851, Lon -83.7944).

Programmatic General Permits are used by the Corps to avoid unnecessary duplication of regulatory control over activities that are regulated by another Federal, state or local agency. Activities authorized by PGP 98 are substantially similar in nature and cause only minimal individual and cumulative environmental impacts (33 CFR Parts 322.2(1), 325.2(e) and 330).

Blue Ridge Reservoir is regulated by the Corps under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 United States Code (U.S.C.) 403) (Section 10), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) (Section 404). Nottely and Hiwassee Reservoirs are regulated by the Corps under Section 404 only. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) manages reservoir shoreline construction in these three reservoirs under Section 26a of the TVA Act (U.S. Congress, 1933 as amended).

Prior to conducting work under authority of PGP 98, a Section 26a Permit must be issued by TVA. When TVA completes review of a proposal and issues a Section 26a Permit for a structure or work listed in PGP 98, the activity is thereby verified by the Corps to be authorized by PGP 98. Neither the permittee nor TVA are required to coordinate with the Corps to confirm that activities authorized by a TVA 26.a Permit are also authorized by the Corps by PGP 98.

Enclosure – Programmatic General Permit 98