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## **US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO HOLD PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON LAKE OKKECHOBEE REGULATION SCHEDULE STUDY (LORSS)**

Jacksonville, Fla. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will hold a public workshop as part of the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule Study (LORSS) to present preliminary performance measures and lake regulation alternatives currently under consideration. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., at the Okeechobee Civic Center, 1750 Highway 98, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

All interested individuals, groups and agencies are invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment and ask questions. This public workshop builds on a series of four public workshops held regionally last fall which began the study process by soliciting public concerns regarding the existing regulation schedule and suggestions for improvements.

"The communities that are most affected by regulations governing water levels in Lake Okeechobee are an integral part of this process," said Col. Robert M. Carpenter, Jacksonville District commander. "This is a time for the public to stay engaged. We must look for a fix to the problems plaguing Lake Okeechobee. The Corps is committed to finding a solution and implementing it by January 2007."

The proposed environmental report, known as the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS), will analyze reasonable alternatives to the Water Supply and Environment (WSE) regulation schedule currently used to regulate lake levels and discharges from the Lake. This study will only be considering operational changes to the current water management system. This study will not be looking at structural modifications.

For further information, please call the Jacksonville District Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-2235, or send e-mail to: [publicmail.cesaj-cc@saj02.usace.army.mil](mailto:publicmail.cesaj-cc@saj02.usace.army.mil). Additional information regarding this regulation schedule study and related topics is available at the Lake Okeechobee link on the Corps website at [www.saj.usace.army.mil](http://www.saj.usace.army.mil).