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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to hold public workshop on Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule Study**

CLEWISTON, Fla. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District will hold a public workshop on the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule Study (LORSS), to present a tentatively selected plan to revise the operational management of Lake Okeechobee. The workshop will be held on Wed., May 31 at 7 p.m., in the John Boy Auditorium, 1200 WC Owen Avenue in Clewiston.

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

To keep the public involved in the process, a workshop was held in Okeechobee in late February, where preliminary performance measures and lake regulation schedule alternatives under consideration were presented. The May 31 workshop will follow up by presenting a tentatively selected plan. Regional meetings will be held this summer to present and receive public comment on the proposed environmental report, known as the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS). The purpose of the report is to 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 is limited to consideration of operational changes to the current water management system, not structural modifications.

"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."

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