



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**
Jacksonville District

NEWS RELEASE

Release No.: 0659
For Release: Dec. 20, 2006
P.O. Box 4970 Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019

Contact: Nanciann Regalado, CCO
Phone: 904-232-2236 FAX: 904-232-2237
Email: nanciann.e.regalado@saj02.usace.army.mil

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Corps opens comment period on impact of Herbert Hoover Dike rehabilitation work

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, has opened a public comment period concerning major rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike, specifically the modified design of Reaches 2 and 3 including toe ditch repair work within these reaches.

A Notice of Intent to prepare a Supplement Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Reaches 2 and 3 to the 1999 Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in the Federal Register Aug. 9, 2006. The Corps received public comments Aug. 10 through Sept. 9, 2006. A new 45-day comment period ends Feb. 5, 2007.

The purpose of the document is to assess the environmental impacts for the toe ditch fills and the new design for the rehabilitation of Reach 2 and 3. This has potential impact for residents in Hendry, Glades and Palm Beach counties.

To review the document, go to <http://planning.saj.usace.army.mil/envdocs/envdocsb.htm>. To submit comments, mail to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: Nancy Allen, Planning Division, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32207 or submit by e-mail to: HHDEISComments@usace.army.mil.

The Corps will host an open house and public meeting at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7p.m. The Auditorium is located at 1200 WC



Owen Avenue. The Corps will present information on the proposed dike rehabilitation and the draft SEIS.

The Jacksonville District announced a new design approach for the dike rehabilitation in October. The Corps is currently working to expedite the redesign and resume construction on the first of eight reaches in the rehabilitation project. Construction initially started in December 2005, but was placed on temporary hold until new design elements could be incorporated.

The Corps welcomes the public's views, comments and information about environmental and important issues regarding the HHD rehabilitation project.

For further information, please call the Jacksonville District Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-1953 or visit the District web site at www.saj.usace.army.mil.

- 30 -