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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 regarding major rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike, specifically construction of a cutoff wall in Reach 1, Port Mayaca to Belle Glade.

The 30-day comment period ends Jan. 6, 2008.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) and proposed finding of no significant impact documents the effects of a partially penetrating cutoff wall (elevation minus 20 to 40 feet NAVD88) located at the center of the dike in Reach 1. The project is located in Martin and Palm Beach counties.

The EA does not contain final dike rehabilitation designs. The impacts of landside rehabilitation features will be analyzed in a future EIS document when the design footprint is finalized in Reach 1.

To review the document, go to <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/cco/HHD/hhdike.htm>. Comments may be mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: Nancy Allen, Planning Division, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32207 or e-mailed to HHDEnvironment@usace.army.mil.

Jacksonville District is currently working to expedite the redesign and has resumed construction on the first of eight reaches in the rehabilitation project within the Corps' right of way.

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

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