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CORPS TO REOPEN PUBLIC SCOPING FOR UPDATING WATER CONTROL PLANS AND MANUALS FOR THE APALACHICOLA-CHATTAHOOCHEE-FLINT RIVER BASIN WATER CONTROL MANUAL

MOBILE, Ala. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, announced today it is reopening public scoping for the proposed update of the Master Water Control Manual for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin (ACF) in Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

“As a result of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit ruling in June 2011 and the June 2012 legal opinion of the Corps’ Chief Counsel regarding authority to accommodate municipal and industrial water supply from the Buford Dam/Lake Lanier project we are resuming the manual update process,” said E. Patrick Robbins, Mobile District Public Affairs Officer.

The manual update process will consider operations for all authorized purposes on the Federal Projects (recreation, navigation, water quality, fish and wildlife, etc) along with an expanded range of water supply alternatives associated with the Buford Dam/Lake Lanier project, including current levels of water supply withdrawals and additional amounts that Georgia has requested from Lake Lanier and downstream of Atlanta.

The Public is invited to provide comments to help focus the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on significant areas of concern or proposed alternatives that should be considered in the EIS.

“We had scoping periods in 2008 and 2009 when we first began the manual update process,” said Robbins. “Any comments previously submitted will be reviewed and addressed in the current re-scoping so comments previously provided do not need to be resubmitted.”

Individuals should submit scoping comments by December 12, 2012 using one of three methods:

*Submit comments online at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/pa/acf-wcm/form.htm>

*E-mail comments to acf-wcm@usace.army.mil

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