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CORPS TO REDUCE FLOWS FROM ALLATOONA LAKE

Mobile, Ala – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, announced in the weekly drought summit calls with stakeholders in the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa river basin they would reduce releases from Allatoona Lake beginning October 3, 2007.

In July the Corps began releasing 700 cubic feet per second for a daily average of 700 cubic feet per second. These releases were made to meet critical downstream needs such as public water supply, industrial river flow requirements, hydropower needs and water quality.

“We continued to meet these demands during the heat of the summer,” said E. Patrick Robbins, Public Affairs Officer. “However, now that temperatures are cooling off there is a reduced demand for energy and water temperatures in the river are not as critical as they have been.

“In addition, conditions at Allatoona Lake have continued to decline with no inflows at all when you take into account evaporation and water consumption,” he continued. “Our modeling has clearly shown we need to reduce the outflow in order to prevent depletion of storage and endanger reservoir re-filling in the face of a potential multi-year drought.”

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The Corps will now begin a 500 cubic feet per second release, cutting the flows from 700 cubic feet per second to 500 cubic feet per second.

“The drought has severely impacted the entire basin from northwest Georgia through central Alabama,” said Robbins. “We will continue to monitor downstream needs as well as the conditions at Allatoona Lake and with the input of the various stakeholders in the basin make adjustments as conditions warrant.”

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