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This is an advanced notice of a proposed meeting to hear about environmental (and cultural resources) concerns from interested parties specifically from the Native American Indian tribes with interests in the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) and Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basins. The additional meeting specifically with the Native American Indian representatives is scheduled for November 13, 2008, if necessary. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Mobile District, is initiating the scoping process for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for the implementation of proposed updates to the Corps' Master Water Control Manuals (WCM) for management throughout the ACT and ACF River Basins. The ACT River Basin is located in Georgia and Alabama. The ACF River Basin is located in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

The Supplement to the NOI announcing the Public Scoping Meetings for ACF Water Control Manual Update EIS was published in the Federal Register on Friday, 19 September 2008. There will be five meetings at various locations throughout the basin. Tribal representatives are invited to participate in any or all of the Corps planned scoping meetings. The meeting dates and locations are:

* October 20, 2008, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, (850) 653-8861.
* October 21, 2008, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Dothan Convention Center, 4106 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, AL 36303, (334) 712-9808.
* October 22, 2008, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Callaway Center at West Georgia Technical College, One College Circle, LaGrange, GA 30240, (706) 845-4323.
* October 23, 2008, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Cobb County Government: Civic Center, Hudgins Hall, 548 S Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060, (770) 528-8450.
* October 29, 2008, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Georgia Mountain Center, 301 Main Street SW, Gainesville, GA 30503, (770) 534-8420.

The study areas of environmental concern are located throughout the extent of both the ACT and the ACF River Basins and include Federally-owned reservoirs, locks, dams and waterways maintained and operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers and dams and reservoirs owned and operated by the Alabama Power Company and Georgia Power Company. Each EIS will address current operations and any changes in water management operations at the reservoir projects, as well as potential impacts throughout each basin which would result from implementation of the procedures identified in the updated Manuals. Information gathered during these meetings will bring to light any potentially significant impacts associated with proposed updates to the manuals; discuss limitations of, or gaps in existing data sets; consider possible alternatives to the proposed

action; and identify updated tools that could assist the Corps in evaluating impacts to the human and natural environment resulting from implementation of the proposed action and alternatives.

If your tribal government desires to engage in further government-to-government consultation regarding the EIS's for the ACT and ACF River Basins, the Corps recommends holding such a meeting, if interest is shown, on November 13, 2008 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Five Rivers-Alabama's Delta Resource Center in Spanish Fort, Alabama, outside of Mobile (http://www.outdooralabama.com/outdoor-adventures/5rivers/). A formal letter will be sent to each of the tribes in the next few days. Please let us know if you are interested in attending any of the meetings, specifically the proposed meeting on November 13, 2008. Please contact Tommy Birchett, archeologist, at the Mobile District office at 251-694-4107 or by email at: thomas.c.birchett@usace.army.mil. Thanks, Tommy Birchett

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