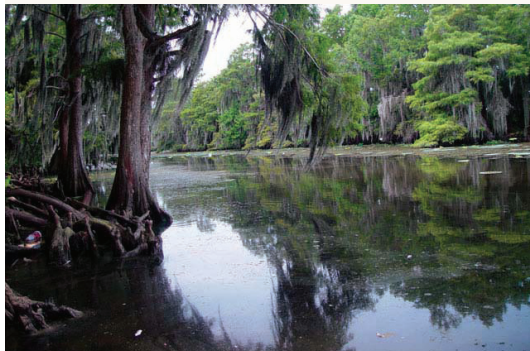




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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Has Revised the Scoping Report for the EIS/Master Water Control Manual Update for the ACF River Basin in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia

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In November 2009, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE or Corps), Mobile District, reopened public scoping for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding development and implementation of an updated *Master Water Control Manual for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin* (Master Manual) in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia.

Public scoping was reopened in response to a July 17, 2009 Federal District Court ruling. To account for the Court's ruling, the Corps is revising the scope of the EIS and water control manual updates.

The comments received during both scoping periods (2008 and 2009) resulted in 2,503 comments from 643 individuals, organizations, and agencies. Comments were submitted to the Corps through all available options—U.S. Postal Service, email, Web site, fax, verbal transcription, and in person at one of the October 2008 scoping meetings.

Comments received were categorized into 12 comment areas: Water Management Recommendations; Socioeconomics and Recreation; Biological Resources; Drought Operations; Water Quality; Water Supply; National Environmental Policy Act; Data, Studies, and Analytical Tools; Navigation; Hydropower; Flood Risk Management; and Other Resources. Some of the categories were further divided into subcategories to present the stakeholders' issues and recommendations more clearly.

To download the full scoping report, please visit the project Web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/pa/acf-wcm/docs.htm.

Preparing the EIS and Master Manual is a three year process which began in 2009. A Notice of Availability (NOA) will be published in the Federal Register when the Draft EIS is available for public review (currently anticipated in summer

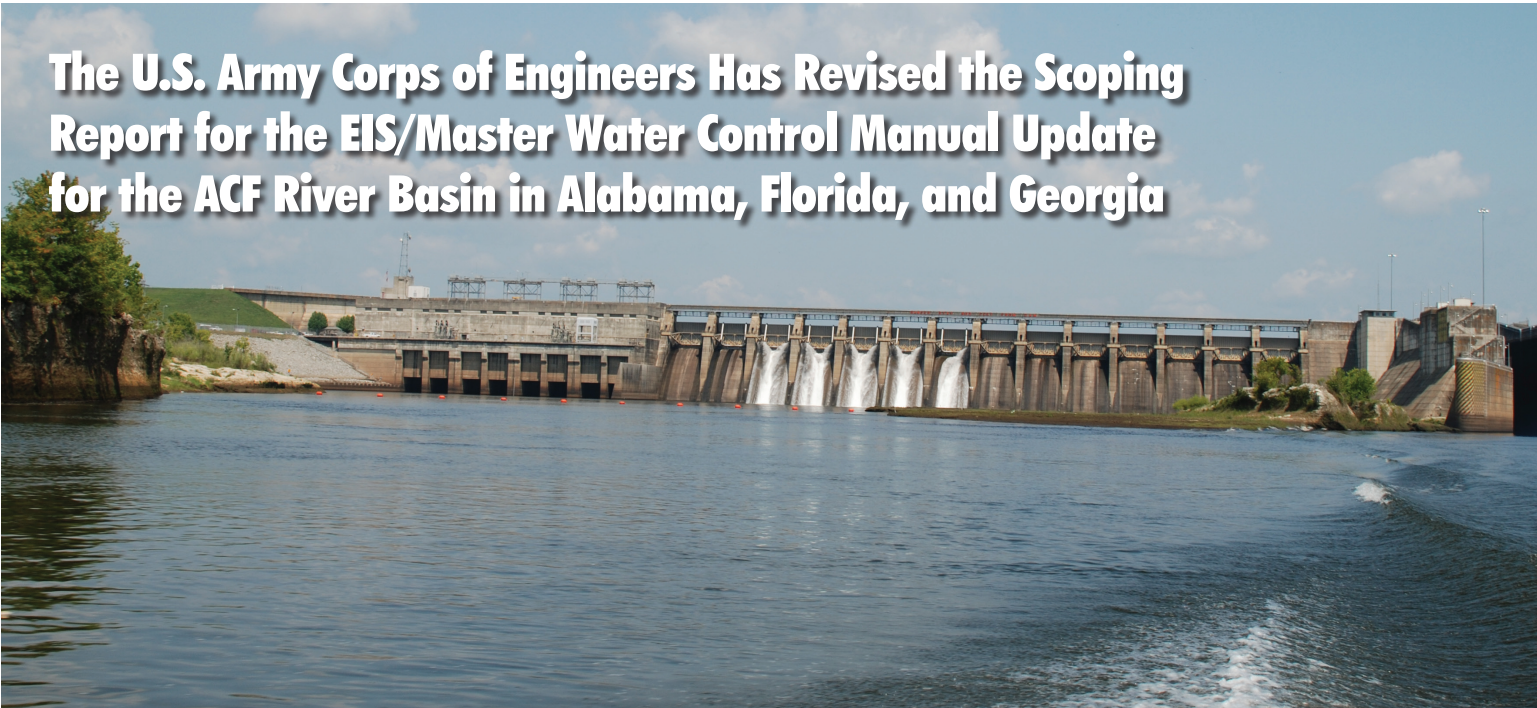
2011). Public meetings will also be held following publication of the NOA to solicit comments on the Draft EIS. Each comment and the corresponding response will be incorporated into the EIS. The Final EIS and Record of Decision are currently anticipated for publication in early 2012.

Comments Categorized by Segment

Category	Number of Comments
Water Management Recommendations	921
Socioeconomics and Recreation	418
Biological Resources	319
Drought Operations	196
Water Quality	167
National Environmental Policy Act	159
Water Supply	136
Data, Studies, and Analytical Tools	60
Other Resources	58
Navigation	32
Hydropower	26
Flood Risk Management	11
Total	2,503

Throughout this process, the public can obtain information on the progress of the Master Manual update and the EIS at the project website (www.sam.usace.army.mil/pa/acf-wcm/). Other specific questions may be directed to:

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