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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 October 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), 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 to account for a June 28, 2011 Decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit which concluded that water supply is an authorized purpose for Lake Lanier. To account for the Court's ruling, USACE is revising the scope of the EIS and water control manual updates.

The comments received during the scoping periods in 2008, 2009, and 2012 resulted in 3,621 comments from 965 individuals, organizations, and agencies. Comments were submitted to USACE 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.

Comments received in 2012 have been incorporated into the scoping report. To download the full scoping report, please visit the project Web site at [www.sam.usace.army.mil](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil).

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 2015). 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 2016.

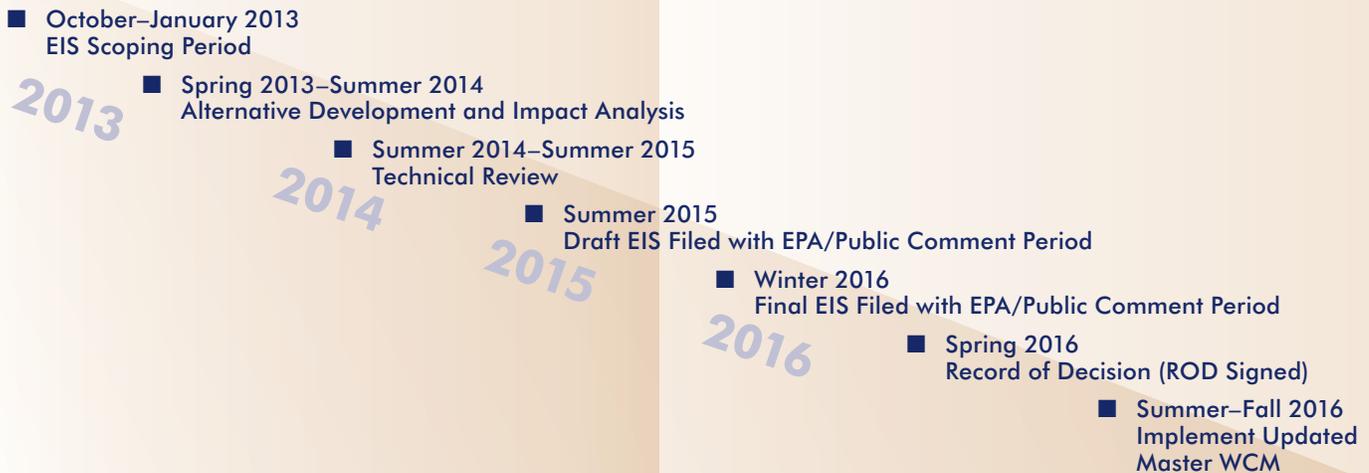
#### Comments Categorized by Segment

Category	Number of Comments
Water Management Recommendations	1,228
Socioeconomics and Recreation	706
Biological Resources	584
Drought Operations	208
Water Quality	189
National Environmental Policy Act	241
Water Supply	149
Data, Studies, and Analytical Tools	97
Other Resources	65
Navigation	41
Hydropower	31
Flood Risk Management	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,621</b>

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](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil)). Other specific questions may be directed to:

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## Expected Timeline for the ACF Master Water Control Manual and EIS:



For the most recent updates on the project, visit [www.sam.usace.army.mil](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil).

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