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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Updated Master Water Control Manual Released for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District filed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the updated Master Water Control Manual, Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin, Alabama, Florida, Georgia (Master Manual) including a water supply storage assessment (WSSA) addressing reallocation of storage in Lake Sidney (Lake Lanier) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on September 23, 2015. You will have 60-days from the date of publication, which is expected to be October 2, 2015, to provide comments to USACE. Methods to obtain a copy of the DEIS and how to provide comments are detailed in this newsletter.

The Master Manual includes appendices prepared for individual projects in the ACF Basin and is the guide used by USACE to operate five reservoir projects on the Chattahoochee River (Buford Dam and Lake Lanier; West Point Dam and Lake; Walter F. George Lock, Dam, and Lake; George W. Andrews Lock, Dam, and Lake;

and Jim Woodruff Lock and Dam and Lake Seminole).

The purpose and need for the federal action is to determine how federal projects in the ACF Basin should be operated for their authorized purposes, in light of current conditions and applicable law, and to implement those operations through updated water control plans and manuals. The proposed action will result in an updated Master Manual and individual project water control manuals (WCMs) that comply with existing USACE regulations and reflect operations under existing congressional authorizations, taking into account changes in basin hydrology and demands from years of growth and development, new/rehabilitated structural features, legal developments, and environmental issues. The action also includes updates to account for a June 28, 2011, decision of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, which concluded that water supply is an authorized purpose for Lake Lanier.

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The DEIS and appendices are available to the public for review:

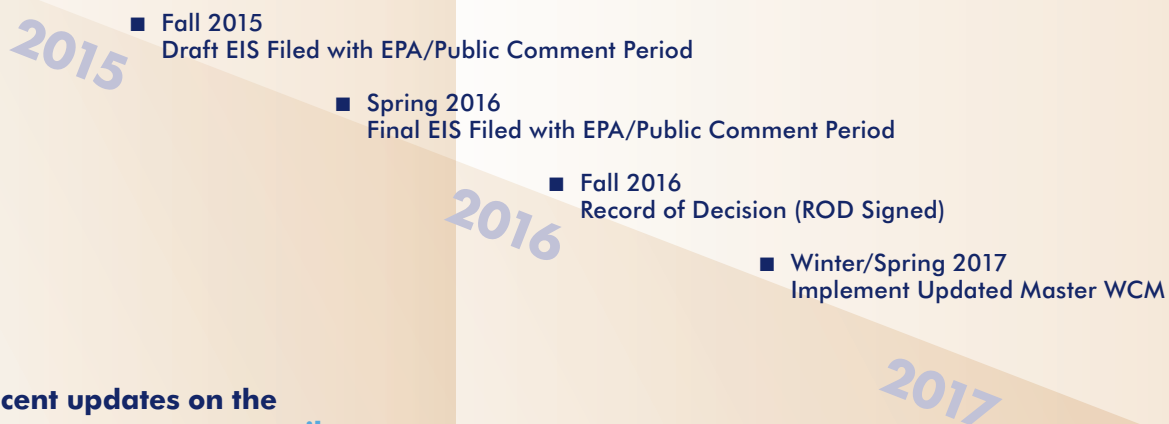
- Online as PDF documents at: <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/PlanningEnvironmental/ACFMasterWaterControlManualUpdate/ACFDocumentLibrary.aspx>
- As a CD when requested in writing to: Commander, USACE, Mobile District, Attn: PD-EI (ACF-DEIS), P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628
- As a CD at the DEIS open house meetings (a limited number will be available)

Public Review and Comment

USACE invites all interested parties to submit comments on the DEIS. The public comment period will end 60 days after the publication date which is expected to be October 2, 2015. Comments can be submitted via the following methods:

- Onsite at open houses through comment cards or the court reporter
- Digitally by email to acf-wcm@usace.army.mil
- By letter addressed to:
Commander USACE
Mobile District
Attn: PD-EI (ACF-DEIS)
P.O. Box 2288
Mobile, AL 36628

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.

Open House Meetings

Open house public meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

Monday, October 26, 2015

4:00pm-7:00pm Eastern time
Gainesville Civic Center
830 Green Street NE
Gainesville, GA 30501

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

4:00pm-7:00pm Eastern time
West Point Depot
500 3rd Avenue
West Point, GA 31833

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

4:00pm-7:00pm Central time
James S. Clark Center
333 E. Broad Street
Eufaula, AL 36027

Thursday, October 29, 2015

4:00pm-7:00pm Eastern time
Bainbridge State College
Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center
2500 E. Shotwell Street (US Highway 84)
Bainbridge, GA 39819

Monday, November 9, 2015

4:00pm-7:00pm Eastern time
Apalachicola National
Estuarine Research Reserve
108 Island Drive
Eastpoint, FL 32328

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