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Release of the Draft Feasibility Report and Integrated Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Allatoona-Coosa Reallocation Study in the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, has officially released the Draft Feasibility Report and Integrated Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FR/SEIS) for the Allatoona Lake Water Supply Storage Reallocation Study and Updates to the Weiss and Logan Martin Reservoirs Project Water Control Manuals in the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin (also known as the Allatoona-Coosa Reallocation Study or ACR Study). The ACR Study, initiated in April 2018, addresses two specific actions that were deferred from consideration during the process to update the Master Water Control Manual (Master Manual) for the ACT River Basin pending further detailed study.

USACE approved the updated ACT River Basin Master Water Control Manual and signed the Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement in May 2015. The ACT River Basin Master Manual, and associated individual project water control manuals, guides operation of USACE reservoirs for multiple federally authorized purposes and certain Alabama Power Company (APC) reservoirs that were constructed to support federally authorized flood risk management and navigation purposes.

The two deferred actions that have been addressed by the ACR Study Draft FR/SEIS are: 1) a pending request from the State of Georgia for USACE to reallocate multipurpose reservoir storage in Allatoona Lake to water supply to meet future demands in the region; and 2) a request from APC to modify currently approved flood operations at their Weiss and Logan Martin reservoir projects.

The Draft FR/SEIS evaluated multiple alternatives to address Georgia's water supply request at Allatoona Lake and APC's request to modify current flood operations at the Weiss and Logan Martin reservoir projects, both as individual requests and in various combinations. Based upon legal, policy, engineering, economic, and environmental considerations, USACE has identified a Tentatively Selected Plan to address these requests.

The Draft FR/SEIS and appendices are available to the public for review in the following formats:

- Online as PDF documents at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning-Environmental/Allatoona-Lake-Water-Supply-Storage-Reallocation-Study-and-Updates-to-Weiss-and-Logan-Martin-Reservoirs-Project-Water-Control-Manuals/Document-Library;

- As a CD when requested in writing to Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Attn: PD-EI (ACT-ACR DSEIS), P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628

Public Review and Comment

USACE invites all interested parties to submit comments on the Draft FR/SEIS. The public comment period will commence with the publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft FR/SEIS in the Federal Register, which is expected on November 15, 2019, and will end 45 days after publication of the NOA. Comments may be submitted via the following methods:

- Onsite at open house style public meetings by comment cards or verbally to a court reporter;
- Digitally by email to act-acr@usace.army.mil;
- By letter addressed to Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Attn: PD-EI (ACT-ACR DSEIS), P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628.

Open Houses

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

- **Monday, December 9, 2019**
4:00 pm-8:00 pm EST
Acworth Community Center
4361 Cherokee Street
Acworth, GA 30101
- **Tuesday, December 10, 2019**
4:00 pm-8:00 pm EST
Forum River Civic Center: Berry/Shorter Room
301 Tribune Street
Rome, GA 30161
- **Wednesday, December 11, 2019**
4:00 pm-8:00 pm CST
The Pitman Theater
629 Broad Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
- **Thursday, December 12, 2019**
4:00 pm-8:00 pm CST
Friends on Eighth
109 8th Avenue SW
Childersburg, AL 35044

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Expected Timeline for the Allatoona-Coosa Reallocation Study FR/SEIS:

- April 2018: USACE published Notice of Intent to prepare Draft Supplemental EIS
- August 2018: Scoping meetings
- September 2018: Final Scoping Report released
- November 2019: Draft FR/SEIS published
- December 2019: Draft FR/SEIS public meetings
- December 2019: Draft FR/SEIS public comment period ends
- Fall 2020: Publish Final FR/SEIS
- Spring 2021: Record of Decision signed and WCM updates approved.

For the most recent updates on the project, visit

www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning-Environmental/Allatoona-Lake-Water-Supply-Storage-Reallocation-Study-and-Updates-to-Weiss-and-Logan-Martin-Reservoirs-Project-Water-Control-Manuals