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Release of the Final 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, Mobile District (USACE), officially released the Final Feasibility Report and Integrated Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FR/SEIS) for the Allatoona Lake Water Supply Storage Reallocation Study and Updates to Weiss and Logan Martin Reservoirs Project Water Control Manuals, Alabama and Georgia (or the Allatoona-Coosa Reallocation Study) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Methods to obtain a copy of the Final FE/SEIS are detailed below.

The final FR/SEIS includes a water supply storage reallocation study evaluating a March 30, 2018 request by the State of Georgia and Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) for increased water supply use at Allatoona Lake; a State of Georgia recommended storage accounting methodology; an updated Allatoona Dam and Lake Water Control Manual (WCM) for operating criteria and guidelines for managing the water storage and release actions in that reservoir and incorporation of these updates into a Master Water Control Manual for federal facilities in the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin; and Alabama Power Company's (APC) proposed raising of winter pool levels for recreation and lowering the upper limit of the induced surcharge operational pools at Weiss Dam and Lake (Reservoir) and Logan Martin Dam and Lake (Reservoir). The USACE also updated the WCMs for Alabama Power Company's Weiss and Logan Martin Reservoirs in the ACT River Basin.

The purpose and need for the federal action is to examine the formal reassignment of existing water storage capacity in Allatoona Lake, a federally operated multipurpose reservoir, to water supply storage; and assess APC proposed revisions to flood operations at Weiss Dam and Lake and Logan Martin Dam and Lake. The effort includes updates to the ACT Master WCM and individual Allatoona, Weiss and Logan Martin project WCMs to reflect operational changes that comply with existing USACE regulations and operations under existing congressional authorizations and account for current basin hydrology, changed demands and conditions, legal concerns and environmental issues.

The final FR/SEIS responds to and incorporates agency and public comments received on the Draft FR/SEIS. The USACE's objectives for the final FR/SEIS are to fulfill its

responsibilities in operating for authorized project purposes, comply with all pertinent laws and regulations and develop water control plans that meets existing water resource needs of the ACT basin. The FR/SEIS presents the results of the USACE's analysis of the environmental effects of the array of alternatives considered and analyzed, including the Recommended Plan that the USACE believes accomplishes these objectives.

The Draft FR/SEIS public comment period was open from November 15, 2019 until January 29, 2019. Four public meetings were held 9 December through 12 December 12, 2019. Five hundred and eighty-three inquiries and/or comments were submitted by agencies (federal, state and local), private organizations and individuals.

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The Final FR/SEIS and appendices are available in the following formats:

- Online as PDF documents at <https://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 FSEIS), P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628.

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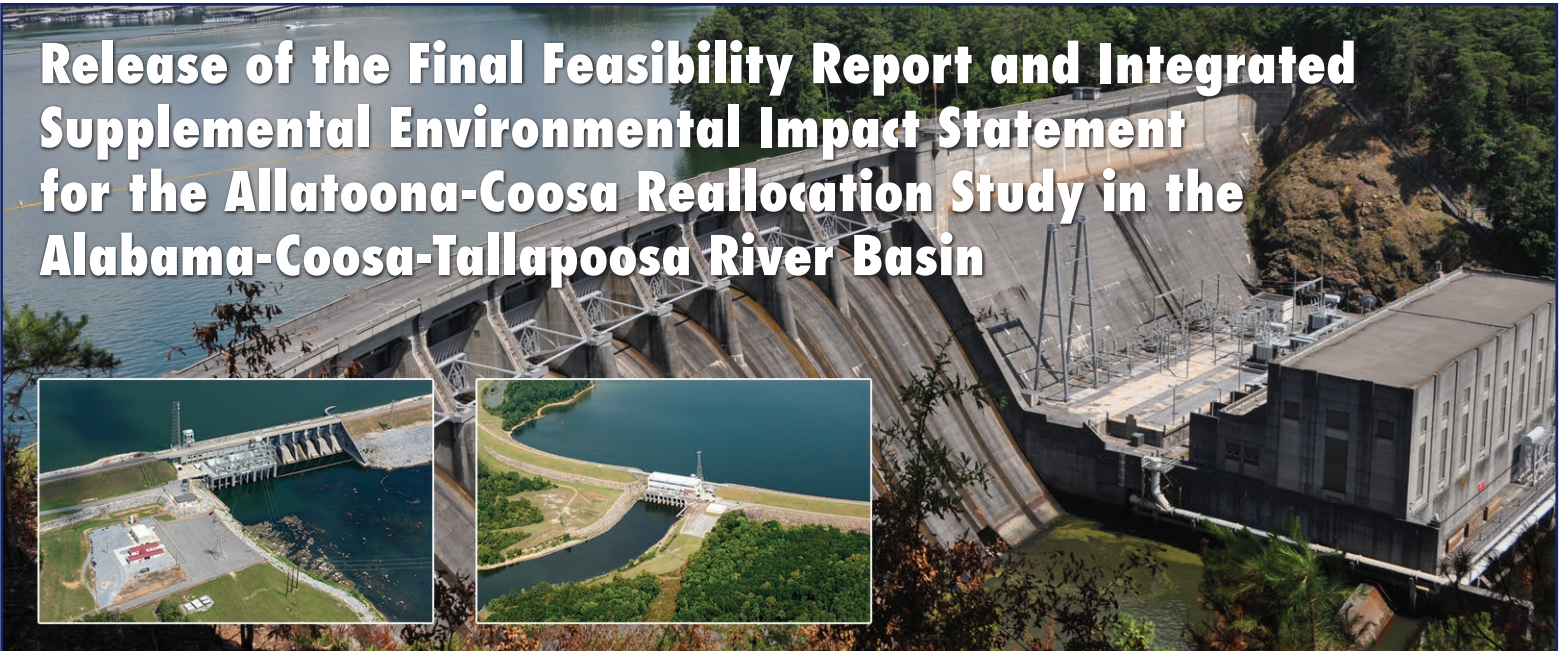
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Expected Timeline for the Allatoona-Coosa Reallocation Study FR/SEIS:

- 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