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# Public Scoping Meetings for the Allatoona Lake Water Supply Storage Reallocation Study and Updates to Weiss and Logan Martin Reservoir Project Water Control Manuals in the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin

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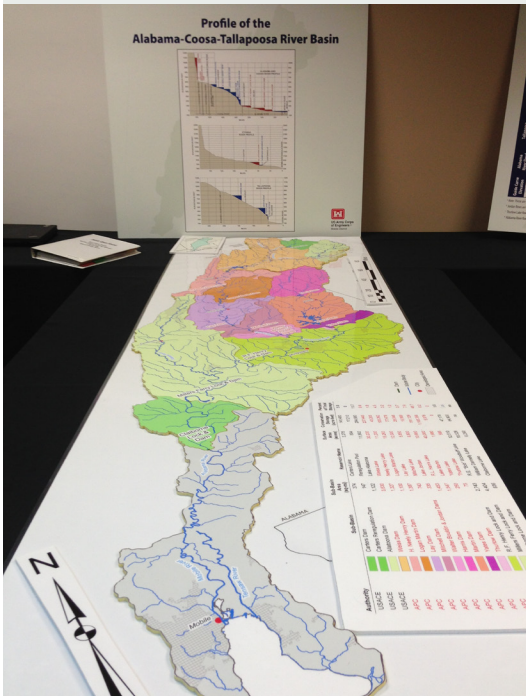


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## **USACE wants your input on a water supply reallocation study and a flood storage analysis in the ACT River Basin.**

Public scoping meetings (open house format) will be held by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District. USACE is initiating a study to evaluate an increased allocation of storage to water supply at Allatoona Lake and potential flood operation changes for two Alabama Power Company (APC) reservoir projects, Weiss Dam and Lake and the Logan Martin Dam and Lake, in the ACT River Basin. The water supply study is part of USACE's evaluation of a March 30, 2018 request by the State of Georgia for a water supply storage reallocation. The flood storage analysis will evaluate APC's proposal to raise the winter water level and, at the same time, lower the upper limit of flood storage at the Weiss and Logan Martin projects that USACE has navigation and flood risk management oversight. USACE intends to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) on these potential changes to the Water Control Manuals (WCM) for the three projects and to the overall Master WCM for the basin. The SEIS will be prepared as an integrated decision document capturing the analysis of the projects and the environmental impacts associated with the proposed federal action, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

**Background.** The water resources of the ACT River Basin serve several purposes, from northwest Georgia downstream through central Alabama and into Mobile Bay, over a distance of about 320 miles and encompassing an area of about 22,800 square miles. Eighteen major dams (six federal and twelve non-federal) are located on the mainstem rivers throughout the ACT River Basin.

Under Section 7 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, USACE operates projects in the basin in accordance with water control plans and manuals for their authorized purposes and non-federal projects that contain navigation and/or flood control (flood risk management). WCMs provide guidance to water managers in operating reservoirs. WCMs provide detailed information on managing the reservoirs under normal and extreme conditions (flood and drought), including ensuring dam safety during extreme conditions.

In May 2015, USACE completed an update to the Master WCM for the ACT River Basin but deferred WCM updates for the two APC reservoir projects, Weiss and Logan Martin. At that time, USACE determined that additional study of flood risk and necessary flood easements was required before those updates could be completed. A pending request for additional water supply storage and changes to storage accounting practices at Allatoona Lake was also not included.

In January 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia issued a judgment in Georgia et al. v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, No. 14-cv-03593 (Jan. 9, 2018). The judgement held that USACE had unreasonably delayed action on Georgia's water supply request and directed USACE to take final action by responding to that request by March 2021. The State of Georgia submitted an updated request to USACE on March 30, 2018. USACE intends to evaluate actions necessary to respond to Georgia's request, as well as one or more reasonable alternatives, in the integrated SEIS.

Specific questions may be directed to:  
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**Open House Public Scoping Meetings for water supply reallocation and flood storage studies**  
Public Scoping Meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

**GEORGIA**

Monday, July 30, 2018  
4:00 - 8:00 pm Eastern time  
Cauble Park Beach House  
(Acworth Beach)  
4425 Beach Street  
Acworth, GA 30101  
(770) 917-1234

Tuesday, July 31, 2018  
4:00 - 8:00 pm Eastern time  
Forum River Civic Center  
Berry/Shorter Room  
301 Tribune Street  
Rome, GA 30161  
(706) 291-5281

**ALABAMA**

Wednesday, August 1, 2018  
4:00 - 8:00 pm Central time  
The Pitman Theater  
629 Broad Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
(265) 549-4740

Thursday, August 2, 2018  
4:00 - 8:00 pm Central time  
Friends on Eighth  
109 8th Avenue SW  
Childersburg, AL 35044  
(205) 296-2397

Friday, August 3, 2018  
4:00 - 8:00pm Central time  
AUM Center  
for Lifelong Learning  
75 TechnaCenter Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36117  
(334) 244-3804

**Public Scoping Comments:**

USACE invites all interested parties to submit comments on natural and human resources concerns, potential environmental effects, and potential measures that USACE should consider associated with this reallocation study, WCM updates, and Integrated SEIS. Comments can be submitted by the following methods:

- Onsite at the scoping meetings via comment cards or court reporter
- By email to ACT-ACR@usace.army.mil
- By letter addressed to Commander USACE, Mobile District, ATTN: PD-EI (ACT-ACR), P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001

***Please submit all scoping comments by August 15, 2018.***



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