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## **Public Information Meetings on Center Hill Dam Rehabilitation planned for citizens of DeKalb, Putnam and Smith Counties**

**NASHVILLE, TENN. (October 19, 2006)** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, announced plans for extensive rehabilitation of the foundation of Center Hill Dam. The \$240 million rehabilitation plan was approved in August of 2006 by officials at the Corps' Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Early planning and design efforts are underway and completion is scheduled for 2014. The 57-year old Dam has a history of foundation seepage problems which have shown signs of slowly worsening in recent years. Corps officials believe the rehabilitation work will improve the long-term reliability of the dam and is a timely repair. Center Hill Dam is about 120 river miles upstream of Nashville along the Caney Fork River near Lancaster, Tennessee. Public meetings are planned in communities from the lake area and downstream. The purpose of the meetings is to inform citizens about the dam's seepage history, monitoring efforts, and current and planned rehabilitation work, which includes grouting and foundation cut-off walls. County Emergency Management personnel will also be present. The meetings will provide citizens an opportunity to ask questions.

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# **To Better Serve The Public**

Public Meetings are planned for November 9, 2006 at DeKalb County High School Auditorium, 113 W. Broad St., Smithville, TN 37166, November 14, 2006 at Cookeville High School Auditorium, 2335 N. Washington Ave., Cookeville, TN 38501, and November 16, 2006 at Smith County High School Auditorium, 312 Fite Ave., Carthage, TN 37030. All begin at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office, Nashville District Corps of Engineers, at 615-736-7161.

Persons who have an accommodation request or special need (e.g., sign language interpreter), should submit a request for accommodation in writing to Bill Peoples, chief, Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, Tenn., 37202 or by calling (615) 736-7841. Two weeks advance notice is encouraged. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Rehabilitation Act, the Corps of Engineers will make a reasonable effort to provide effective accommodations for all participants.

Media Advisory: Please publish the notice of the public meeting in your community section. The public and the media are invited to the public meetings. There will be a media availability after the public meetings with members of the panel of experts from the Corps of Engineers and Emergency Management personnel.