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Corps of Engineers Provides Emergency Managers Updated Information on Wolf Creek Dam

(NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 12, 2007) –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, has released improved information for response planning in the event of a failure at Wolf Creek Dam, Russell County, Ky. This information comes from new data obtained from ongoing analysis at Wolf Creek Dam and an improvement in computer modeling methods.

The updated information has been provided to the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management for the purposes of emergency planning. They, in turn, have distributed it to county emergency management offices in Kentucky.

The ongoing analysis reveals that, for the worst case scenario, response times and inundation levels will be altered in the event of a dam failure. It is critical that emergency planners have the latest information. Kentucky's state and county emergency management offices will incorporate the new data into continually evolving emergency action plans.

The Corps of Engineers is continuing to evaluate the new data and its effects downstream. Updated information will be released to Emergency Managers in Tennessee as soon as results become available.

Those communities in Kentucky potentially affected by the updated information can contact their county emergency management office for information on possible changes to emergency evacuation plans.