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Corps of Engineers Invites Comments on Environmental Assessment for Center Hill Dam

(NASHVILLE, TENN., Nov. 5, 2007) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Center Hill Dam and Lake, and seeks public review and comment on that draft by December 3.

The document, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, evaluates the impacts of two alternative grouting plans for repairs to the left rim of Center Hill Dam, Smith County, Tenn. For convenience of the public, an electronic copy of the document is posted on line at <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/CenterHill/>.

The first alternative is to establish a new grout line along State Highways 96 and 141 along the dam's left rim. This would decrease the amount of vertical drilling, as well as improve accuracy, consistency, and safety. It would, however, interfere with traffic for the duration of the project.

The second alternative would offer similar benefits. It would eliminate most of the disruption to traffic, but would require cutting a 120-foot-deep trench into the hillside.

Members of the public may submit written comments to Nashville District, Corps of Engineers, PO Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202-1070, ATTN: CELRN-PM-P (Wayne Easterling) no later than December 3. Phone inquiries may be directed to Easterling at (615)736-7847. E-mail comments may also be sent to wayne.s.easterling@usace.army.mil.