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Corps Modifies Streamgage Maintenance

NASHVILLE, TENN. (September 23, 2005) - The Hydrology and Hydraulics Branch of the Nashville District will discontinue operation of five streamgage stations in the Cumberland River Basin, effective October 1.

Nashville District officials have evaluated these gages for usefulness and judged them unnecessary for operational purposes. Streamgages measure the rainfall and stream flow at various locations and help engineers determine possible effects of that further downstream.

The five gages are at the following locations:

1. South Harpeth River near Kingston Springs, Tennessee
2. Cumberland River just upstream of the Barbourville Diversion Channel, Kentucky
3. Station Camp Creek near Gallatin, Tennessee
4. Crocus Creek near Burkesville, Kentucky
5. West Fork of the Stones River at Nices Mill near Smyrna, Tennessee

Also beginning in Fiscal Year '06, all Corps of Engineers stations previously operated by the U.S. Geological Survey will be operated by Contractor or Corps of Engineers personnel.

These maintenance measures are being taken for economic reasons, according to Bill Barron, chief of the Hydrology and Hydraulics Branch, Engineering-Construction Division.

The Kentucky District of the U.S. Geological Survey is attempting to secure funding

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from local governments for operation of yet undetermined stations. The daily values at these and other District stations are currently and will continue to be listed at

<http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/lakeinfo/>. Stations formerly operated by U.S. Geological Survey affected in Fiscal Year '06 by state are:

Tennessee

1. Harpeth River near Kingston Springs
2. Red River at Port Royal
3. Wolf River near Byrdstown
4. East Fork Obey near Jamestown
5. Collins River at McMinnville
6. Smiths Fork near Temperance Hall

Kentucky

1. Little River near Cadiz
2. Cumberland River at Loyall
3. Cumberland River at Pineville
4. Yellow Creek near Middlesboro
5. Cumberland River at Barbourville
6. Cumberland River at Williamsburg
7. Cumberland River at Cumberland Falls
8. Lynn Camp Creek at Corbin
9. Rockcastle River near Billows
10. Big South Fork near Stearns