



East Branch, nearby counties sponsor emergency response exercise

On Thursday, June 14, the Corps of Engineers and Elk County sponsored an East Branch Lake Dam Safety Table Top Exercise. The exercise was held at the newly renovated Elk County Emergency Operations Center on Montmorenci Road in Ridgway, Pa.

Representatives from the Corps of Engineers, partnering with Elk, Clarion, and Cameron County's Emergency Managers participated in the exercise. Intent of the Exercise was to challenge the attendees in responding to a Dam Failure scenario during a period of localized flooding.

Prior to the exercise attendees received an update on the current status and future activities for East Branch Dam presented by Project Manager Mike Rattay. Additional presentations were made by Water Management, GIS, and Dam Safety team members.

The Emergency Managers and the Corps are working to achieve a seamless, co-coordinated, and cohesive response capability. Discussions focused on timely and effective communications with Emergency Managers, USACE, 911 centers and Emergency responders.