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Corps to conduct East Branch Dam Safety Project Stakeholders and Public Meetings

- WHO:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
- WHAT:** The Corps of Engineers is conducting a stakeholders and public meeting to discuss the progress and activities of its East Branch Dam Safety Project. The goal of the stakeholders' meeting is to provide an update to local partners and agencies about the progress that has been made since September meeting. At the 10:30 a.m. meeting, stakeholders will also provide an update about their agencies efforts throughout the region. The goal of the public meeting is to provide an update about the Dam Safety Project and to give the community the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.
- WHEN:** Stakeholders Meeting, Wednesday Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the East Branch Dam Maintenance Building
Public Meeting, Wednesday Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Johnsonburg High School Auditorium
- WHERE:** Johnsonburg High School, 315 High School Road, Johnsonburg, PA 15845
- WHY:** Public safety is the number one priority of the Corps' Dam Safety Program. In 2008, the Pittsburgh District initiated a dam safety investigation into seepage-related concerns at East Branch Clarion River Lake near Johnsonburg in Western Pennsylvania. To reduce the risk to the public, Pittsburgh District implemented several interim risk reduction measures including increased monitoring, 24 hours-seven-days-a-week staffing, updated emergency action plans, and reduced water levels in the reservoir to relieve pressure on the dam. These and other short-term actions allow us to operate the dam and to meet our public safety objective until long term repairs are complete. A Dam Safety Modification Study was completed and approved in October 2010, and recommends a cutoff wall be constructed within the dam. Approval to initiate construction was received in August 2011. The first construction contract for site development was awarded in September 2011.
- For more information, visit: www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/lakes/eastbran.htm
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