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## **Pittsburgh Projects Prosper in President's '06 Budget**

PITTSBURGH – The Fiscal Year 2006 (FY06) budget, transmitted by the President to Congress on February 7, includes \$4.513 billion in new federal funding for the Civil Works program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The budget contains \$126.1 million in construction funding, project operations and maintenance of projects in the Corps' Pittsburgh District, supporting 23 locks and dams and 16 multi-purpose reservoirs in the upper Ohio River basin areas of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia, southern New York and western Maryland. An additional \$250,000 is included in the budget to initiate a feasibility study for environmental restoration of the Mahoning River in Pennsylvania.

Over \$65 million construction dollars are budgeted for two Pittsburgh District projects – the Lower Monongahela River Navigation Project and Emsworth Dam – in FY06.

The Lower Mon is proposed to receive \$50.8 million, a substantial increase from \$31.6 million available for the project in FY05 and by far the largest amount proposed in a President's budget for the project since it began in 1992. The proposed funding will sustain work on replacement of the first of two navigation locks at Charleroi, Pennsylvania, and also cover costs associated with utility relocations and a bridge crossing over the Monongahela River downstream.

Rehabilitation of the Emsworth Dam, the first major navigation structure on the Ohio River below The Point at Pittsburgh, is slated to receive \$15 million. This is the initial budget for this dam safety assurance project and will cover design work and initiation of construction to ensure structural integrity of the dam and operability of the dam gates.

The Administration's FY06 budget for facilities operated and maintained by Pittsburgh District is \$60.3 million, nearly identical to the amount appropriated by Congress for operations and maintenance in FY05. These funds support facilities that contribute to flood damage reduction, inland navigation, recreation and environmental stewardship in the upper Ohio River basin.

While the FY06 budget represents an increase of nearly \$21 million over the FY05 appropriation for the Pittsburgh District, two feasibility studies are not included in the budget for continuation. These are the Upper Ohio River Navigation System Study and the Mahoning River Environmental Dredging Study in Ohio.

Mr. John Paul Woodley, Jr., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), said, "The Army Civil Works budget for FY 2006 provides funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue to contribute to the nation's economic and environmental well being. The budget funds the planning, design and construction of projects that will provide a high return on investment in the Corps' primary mission areas of commercial navigation, flood and storm damage reduction, and aquatic ecosystem restoration."

The mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the world's preeminent public engineering agency, is to provide quality, responsive engineering services to the Nation and its armed forces. The Corps plans, designs, builds and operates water resources projects; designs and manages military facilities construction for the Army and Air Force at home and abroad; provides design and construction management support for other Defense and federal agencies; cleans hazardous areas across the Nation through the Formerly Used Defense Sites program and the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program; and conducts state-of-the-art engineering research and design at its Engineer Research and Development Center.

The FY 2006 Army Civil Works budget information, including a state-by-state breakdown, is available on internet at [www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/cecwb/budget/budget.pdf](http://www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/cecwb/budget/budget.pdf).