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Marguerite Waterline Extension Project Cooperative Agreement Signing

PITTSBURGH – The Unity Township Supervisors and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a Project Cooperative Agreement signing ceremony for the Unity Township – Marguerite Waterline Extension project on Thursday, February 24, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will take place at the Unity Township Municipal Building located at 1104 Beatty-County Road in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

The Marguerite Waterline Extension project will provide safe municipal drinking water to 95 homes and numerous small businesses in the Upper and Lower Sawmill areas of Unity Township, along State Route 2017 and Marguerite Road. The project consists of 12,000 feet of 8-inch PVC water main, service connections and hydrants. The extension of the waterlines along with the hydrants will also provide fire-fighting capabilities. Project partners will install these waterlines to resolve problems with both the quality and quantity of water obtained from existing wells utilized by residents. Unity Township will design and construct this project with technical and project management support from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.

“When the Unity Township supervisors approached me about this waterline extension, it quickly became apparent how badly it was needed,” said Congressman Jack Murtha, who secured \$250,000 for the project through the Army Corps of Engineers. “I’m pleased that we were able to get the funding that completed the financial package so that Marguerite residents will finally have access to safe drinking water.” The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is providing \$250,000 of Section 313, South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program funding to support the design and construction of this project.

The South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program, often referred to as the Section 313 Program, covers an 18 county area in South Central Pennsylvania. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Pittsburgh District administers program work in nine counties – Allegheny, Armstrong, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland. The Section 313 Program provides for design and construction oversight to communities for projects involving wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply, storage treatment and distribution facilities and surface water resource protection and development.

Construction is expected begin this summer. The project should be complete by year end allowing 95 Unity Township homes to toast the New Year with safe municipal drinking water.