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Corps of Engineers to host emergency planning exercise

FLOREFFE, PENNSYLVANIA – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District is hosting an Emergency Action Planning Exercise on Friday, April 1, 2005. This Emergency Action Planning Exercise focuses on navigation facilities, specifically the locks and dam facilities at Elizabeth (Locks and Dam 3) and Charleroi (Locks and Dam 4), Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the exercise is two-fold:

- ❖ To promote emergency action planning and coordination in an exercise environment, and
- ❖ To test Pittsburgh Engineer District's plans while coordinating and integrating participant emergency response procedures.

This exercise will offer a superb opportunity for partners from navigation industries, river dependant industries, utility companies, state and local emergency response agencies and other direct interest organizations to gather under controlled conditions to focus on response actions and challenges. Successful exercise execution will lead to several benefits:

- ❖ An increased operational awareness of procedures, solutions and challenges as we exercise collaborative coordination on a specific issue.
- ❖ Development of and appreciation for partner concerns, challenges and actions in the event of a facility emergency.

The Lower Monongahela River, Locks and Dams 3 and 4, Emergency Action Plan Exercise will be held at the Floeffe Volunteer Fire Department on Route 837 in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. The exercise is a full-day event that includes a morning information session, working lunch and afternoon "tabletop" exercises. The tabletop portion will use realistic scenarios with the lock and dam facilities at Elizabeth and Charleroi on the Monongahela River.

Locks and Dams 3 and 4, along with the Braddock Locks and Dam, are part of the US Army Corps of Engineers' [Lower Monongahela River Project](#) which is being built to keep river transport reliable and economical through the lower part of the Mon River. These locks experience the highest volume of commercial traffic on the entire Monongahela River Navigation System and the pools created by these dams are also popular with recreational boaters.