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## Corps seeks assistance in solving crime

**CROOKED CREEK LAKE** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeks assistance in identifying the vandal(s) who spray painted graffiti and destroyed property at Crooked Creek Lake last week. Graffiti was spray painted on the Outflow Stilling Basin Wall of the Crooked Creek Dam and the interior and exterior of the restroom facility in the Outflow Recreation Area. The interior walls of the restroom, a bulletin board and park bench in the Outflow Recreation Area were also vandalized. The crime, which resulted in approximately \$3,500 in damages, occurred sometime between 8:00 a.m. Sunday, April 17 and 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 18. **Any individual with knowledge or information of this incident is encouraged to call *Corps Watch* toll-free at 1-866-413-7970.** Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible to receive a cash reward of \$100 to \$1,000.

The Pittsburgh District is serving as the test district for [\*Corps Watch\*](#), a neighborhood crime-watch deterrence program to protect U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assets. Each year, millions of dollars in property are lost due to vandalism, larceny, arson and environmental and cultural degradation. This program is designed to heighten public awareness of the seriousness of the impacts of crime within or around dams, lakes, navigation locks, recreation areas and other Corps facilities.

To help fight these crimes and reduce operations and maintenance costs, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has received Congressional authority to offer cash rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of individuals causing damage to Corps of Engineers property. Individuals who witness or suspect that a crime has been committed against Corps property are encouraged to use the toll-free number, 1-866-413-7970, to report information of theft, vandalism or any other threats or suspicious activity against Corps property 24-hours a day. Callers can remain anonymous.



*Graffiti spray painted on the Outflow Stilling Basin Wall of the Crooked Creek Dam.*