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Repairs Necessitate Temporarily Reduced Flows at Youghiogheny

[YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER LAKE](#) – D/R Hydro Company plans to remove and repair the wheel gate associated with their hydropower project for approximately two weeks beginning on Tuesday, January 23. To allow this work to take place, control of the releases from the dam will be shifted from the gate operated by the hydropower plant to the gates operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Corps' control tower. The amount of water being released from the dam will be gradually reduced in pre-determined steps beginning on Sunday, January 21. There will be a total shutdown of releases for a two to three hour period on Tuesday, January 23 to allow for removal of the wheel gate for rehabilitation and to facilitate the transfer of control from the hydropower gate to the Corps' gates. Following the shutdown period, flow through the Corps' gates will gradually increase and will be maintained throughout the repair period in accordance with the existing Corps release schedule.

The repair project will in no way affect the flood reduction capabilities of Youghiogheny Dam. Youghiogheny River Lake is one of 16 flood control projects in the Pittsburgh District and has prevented over \$523 million in flood damages since its construction was completed in 1943.

A similar shutdown will be required once the gate repairs are complete to allow for reinstallation of the wheel gate. A follow-up press release will be issued at that time.

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