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## **Corps to begin increasing water releases downstream, River levels, flows to remain high**

The Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District began increasing reservoir water releases today after actions taken in the flood-stricken lower Ohio River region were successful in reducing water levels.

Water levels on the Monongahela, Allegheny, Beaver and Ohio rivers will begin to rise gradually today and the public should expect higher than normal flows for weeks depending on the forecasted weather. Anyone going in or near the water should consult river and weather conditions and show caution during these high flow times.

The Corps plans to lower water levels at its 16 upper Ohio River Basin reservoirs to normal summer pools by the Memorial Day weekend. Current high water levels are impacting some recreation areas. Please contact individual lakes prior to visitation and/or visit our Flood Safety Awareness page to obtain daily reservoir reports with lake elevations. [http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/wm/flood\\_prep.html](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/wm/flood_prep.html)

As the Corps releases water from our dams to make space for incoming storms, observing water safety on the rivers and lakes is paramount. High water at lakes and on rivers has dislodged debris and brush which may create unsafe conditions.

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