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Corps to conduct East Branch Dam Safety Initiative Stakeholders and Public Meeting

- WHO:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
- WHAT:** The Corps of Engineers is conducting a stakeholders meeting and a public meeting to discuss the progress and activities of its East Branch Dam Safety Initiative. The goal of the stakeholders meeting is to provide an update to local partners and agencies on the progress that has been made since the last meeting in April. Stakeholders will also provide an update on their agencies efforts throughout the region. The goal of the public meeting is to provide an opportunity for the community to ask questions and provide feedback about the East Branch Dam Safety Initiative.
- WHEN:** Stakeholders meeting, Wednesday Sept. 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the East Branch Dam Maintenance Building
Public Meeting, Wednesday Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Johnsonburg High School Auditorium
- WHERE:** Johnsonburg High School, 315 High School Road, Johnsonburg, PA 15845
- WHY:** In 2008, the Pittsburgh District initiated a dam safety investigation into seepage-related concerns at East Branch Clarion River Lake near Johnsonburg in Western Pennsylvania. The Corps has confirmed potentially unsafe issues that require further study. Subsequently, the Corps has been investigating alternatives to repair it. Public safety is the number one priority of the Corps' Dam Safety Program. To reduce the risk to the public, Pittsburgh District implemented several interim risk reduction measures, including increased monitoring; 24/7 staffing; updated emergency action plans; and reduced water levels in the reservoir to relieve pressure on the dam. These and other short-term actions allow us to operate the dam and to meet our public safety objective while we further investigate our concerns and pursue long-term repairs.
- For more information, visit: www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/lakes/eastbran.htm
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