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## **Pittsburgh Corps of Engineers releases FY12 plans for Civil Works**

PITTSBURGH – The US Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District has released its work plans for the Army Civil Works Program through the end of fiscal year (FY) 2012. The President is expected to release his Fiscal Year budget next week.

The Pittsburgh District's 26,000 square miles include portions of western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio, western Maryland and southwestern New York within the Upper Ohio River Basin.

"These funds translate to a better quality of life for the citizens of our five-state region by helping ensure that the water resource infrastructure we rely on is sound, the environment we enjoy is better protected, and the threat of flooding we face is reduced," said Col. William Graham, district engineer, Pittsburgh District.

The plan includes \$1.5 million to fund the Upper Ohio River Navigation Study, which is considering long-term solutions for maintaining safe, reliable, efficient and environmentally sustainable navigation on the Upper Ohio River at Emsworth, Dashiields and Montgomery locks and dams. These three facilities are the smallest locks remaining on the Ohio River and all are showing significant signs of structural and operational degradation, increasing the risk of failure which could halt navigation for up to one year. The study also looks at opportunities to improve upper Ohio River aquatic ecosystems.

The plan directs \$3 million to the long-delayed Lower Monongahela River Project to continue construction at Charleroi Locks and Dam.

The plan provides nearly \$27 million for operation and maintenance of the district's 16 flood damage reduction reservoirs. The Pittsburgh District's management of these reservoirs has prevented more than \$13 billion in flood damages. The reservoirs also provide additional flows to improve downstream water quality and to ensure adequate depths for commercial river navigation. Six million people visit the district's lakes each year to recreate.

More than \$49 million was included in the plan to maintain and operate the district's navigation system of 23 locks and dams. The Allegheny River System received \$4.3 million for FY12 which is about half of the FY11 plan of \$8.4 million. The Monongahela River plan increased from \$15.6 million to \$16.6 million and the Ohio River plan received 28.3 million.

Other funds totaling \$197,000 were directed to support the district's operation and maintenance of its three flood damage reduction projects at Johnstown and Punxsutawney, Pa., and Elkins, W. Va.

The district's additional missions include water supply, emergency response, and regulation of the Clean Water Act. The Corps often partners with local communities to improve water supply, sanitary sewer and storm water infrastructure. During disasters, the district manages the nation's emergency power contract which provides temporary power to downed critical infrastructure. District personnel deploy overseas to help build, manage and administer water resource infrastructure projects in Afghanistan.

The FY12 Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program Work Plan, including a state-by-state breakdown, is available at [http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/PID/Pages/cecwm\\_progdev.aspx](http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/PID/Pages/cecwm_progdev.aspx).

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