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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to revise scope of Environmental Impact Statement

Mobile, Ala. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District (Corps), Mobile District, intends to revise the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the updated Water Control Manuals for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, to account for a July 17, 2009 federal court ruling.

“With the exception of two relatively small relocation contracts for the Cities of Gainesville and Buford, the Court determined that neither water supply withdrawals from Lake Lanier nor releases for water supply from the Chattahoochee River downstream, were authorized project purposes,” Mobile District Chief of Public Affairs E. Patrick Robbins said.

“In light of the significant new circumstances and information associated with the Judge’s ruling, the Corps will reopen the scoping process to gather stakeholder input regarding these new circumstances to be considered in its preparation of the Master Water Control Manual and EIS,” Robbins said.

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Public comments will be considered in preparation of the EIS and updated water control manuals. Comments on the scope of the EIS, including concerns, issues, or proposed alternatives should be submitted in writing to Tetra Tech, Inc., 107 Saint Francis Street, Ste 1403, Mobile, AL 32206-9986. Comments may also be submitted by using the electronic comment form at: http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/pa/acf-wcm/mail_list.htm#form If you have already submitted comments in the previous scoping effort, you do not need to resubmit.