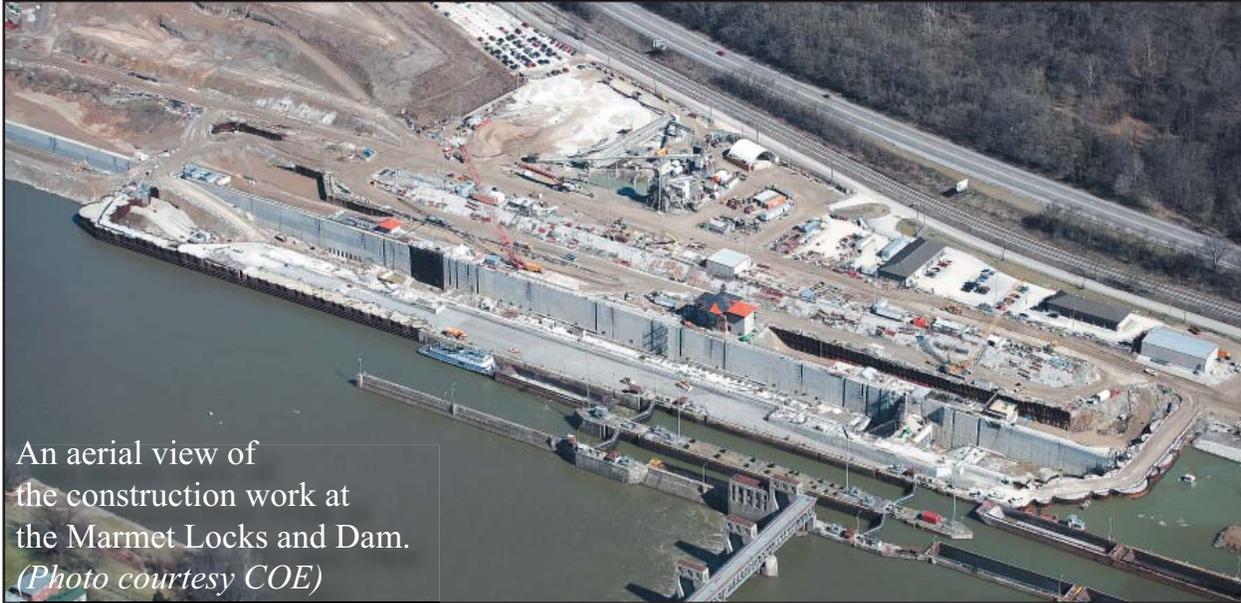




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# Marmet Locks and Dam Replacement Project

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An aerial view of  
the construction work at  
the Marmet Locks and Dam.  
*(Photo courtesy COE)*

## Construction Activities

Over the last couple of months, some of the work that has been accomplished at Marmet Locks and Dam includes the monolith work in the new lock, work for the new operations building and blasting for the preparation of the downstream approach channel.

Removal of the wedge of soil that was left in place along the upstream river bank to permit construction of the upstream approach wall piers will resume this spring as weather permits.

Any petroleum contaminated material encountered during these excavations will be loaded onto a barge and transported offsite to an approved treatment facility. Any uncontaminated material will be loaded onto a truck and offloaded at the on-site disposal area.

Major concrete work in the lock is complete with all of the monoliths "topped out," making a total 99% of the monolith concrete work complete. The remaining work consists of minor completion work on the lock walls and the concrete cap between the new lock wall and the old lock wall.

The new operations building is 90% complete. The remaining work consists of finish work including the installation of the elevator, carpet, appliances, etc.

The new operation building is scheduled to be 95% complete in May '07 with most of the interior and exterior work completed. The remaining work will consist of the concrete walks around the building, which is scheduled to be completed late this summer.

The project is about 89% complete overall. The new lock operational date is now February '08 and project completion date is expected to be early 2009.

Controlled blasting work as detailed in the last newsletter began Feb. 28, 2007 and currently the contractor is averaging two to four per week.

The work is expected to be completed by mid-June 2007.

This newsletter is provided as a courtesy of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers as a way to keep the citizens of Belle, W.Va.. up-to-date on activities during construction of the replacement lock at Marmet Locks and Dam. The newsletter is intended to provide information on current and future activities throughout the construction of the replacement lock.



*An aerial view of the new operations building, with a partially-completed roof. (Photo courtesy COE)*

## Community Relations

The Corps hosted an information workshop at the resident engineer office, Thurs., Jan. 11, 2007. About 33 members of the community participated in the workshop and project tours.

The following concerns and comments were raised at the meeting:

Additional request to obtain a compact disc with photos of the construction project.

### Who to contact for information:

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 Dennis Hughes, Resident Engineer.....304-949-1935  
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## Quarterly Community Workshop

The next community involvement quarterly information workshop hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is Thursday, April 12, 2007, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Corps Resident Engineer's Office at Marmet.

It is not necessary for everyone to arrive at 4:30 p.m., the presentation and tour last approximately 30 minutes per group. Therefore, come later if you would like; presentations and tours will last until 7:00 p.m.

These information workshops are held quarterly to provide information to the community about the ongoing construction activities and seek input on how the Corps and contractor can reduce impacts to the surrounding communities. Representatives from the Corps are available to answer questions and provide tours of the construction site.

For more information, contact Jeffrey Jezewski at 304-399-5573 or 304-360-0292. Or you can email [Jeffrey.Jezewski@lrh01.usace.army.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.Jezewski@lrh01.usace.army.mil).

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