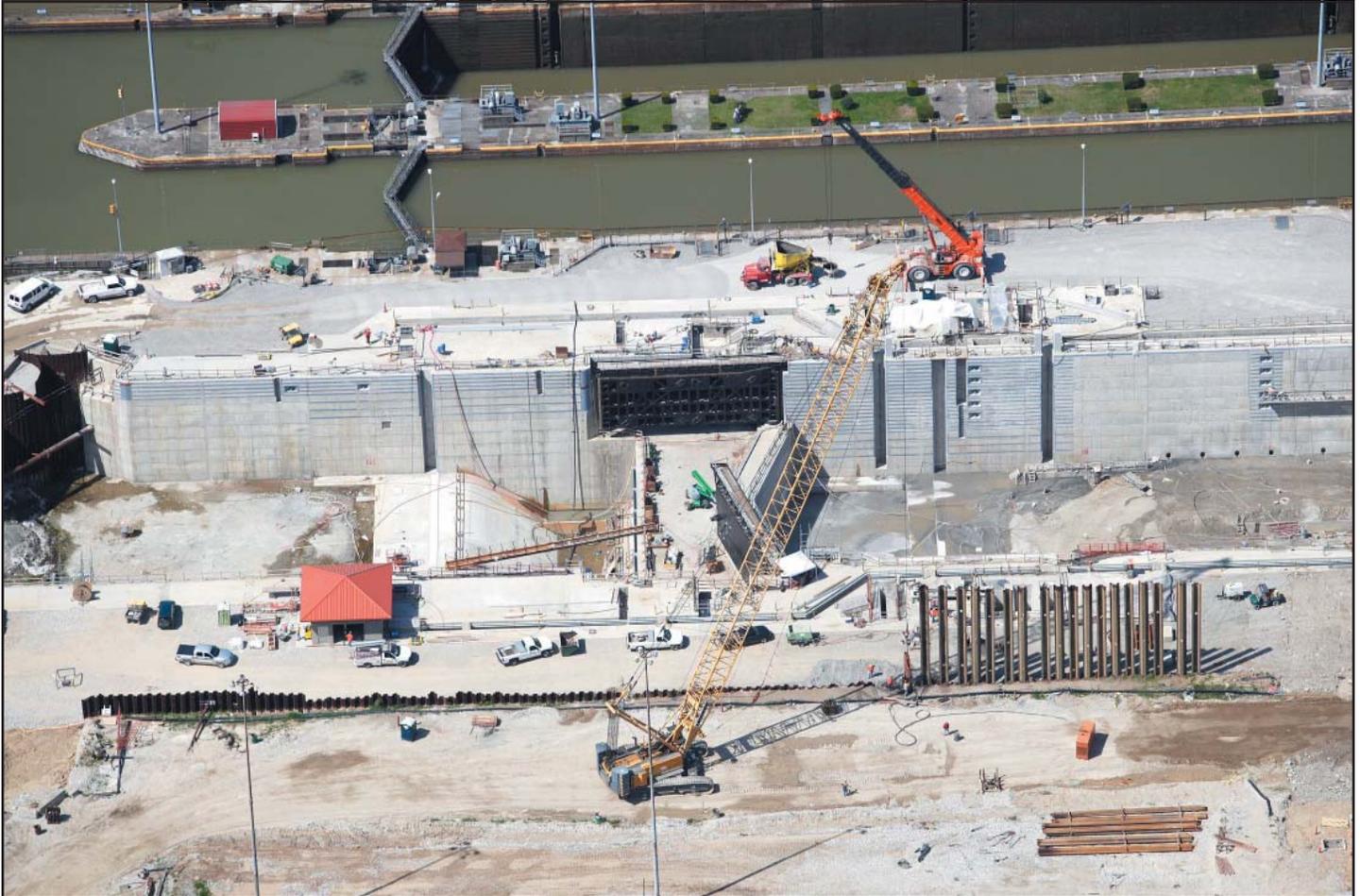




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# Marmet Locks and Dam Replacement Project

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*Aerial view of lock chamber completion work in the area of the upstream miter gates. (Photo Courtesy COE)*

## Construction Activities

Over the last couple of months, some of the work that has been accomplished includes the work on the upstream approach, the new lock chamber, the new operations building and blasting for the preparation of the downstream approach channel.

The upstream approach work consists of removing the petroleum contaminated material along the upstream riverbank, and this work has been successfully completed. However, additional contaminated soil removal may be necessary when the excavation activities of the upstream wedge of soil resume in mid June 2007.

The remaining wedge of soil along the upstream

river bank was left in place to permit construction of the upstream approach wall piers in the dry.

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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.

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Also, the large pre-cast beams that will be placed on the approach wall piers are scheduled for placement in mid-July 2007.

Concrete work in the lock is 99 percent 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. In addition, some final adjustments are being made to the miter gates (the large gates that will allow boats access into the lock).

The completion work, concrete cap and upstream miter gate can be seen in the photo on the front side of this newsletter.

The new operations building is currently 95 percent complete. The remaining interior work includes the installation of the elevator, carpet and appliances.

All interior and exterior work for the new operation building is scheduled to be complete in July 2007.

The remaining exterior work includes the concrete walks around the building. It is scheduled to be completed late this summer.

Blasting work, as detailed in previous newsletters, began Feb. 28, 2007 and currently the contractor is averaging 3-4 blasts per week. The project is about 91 percent complete overall. The blasting work is expected to be completed by mid June 2007.

The new lock operational date is February 2008 and project completion date is expected to be early 2009.

## Community Relations

The Corps hosted an information workshop at the resident engineer office, Thurs., April 12, 2007. About 25 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.

Anyone wanting a compact disc with project photos can contact Jeffrey Jezewski, 304-399-5573 or 304-360-0292 or email Jeffrey.Jezewski@lrh01.usace.army.mil.

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## Quarterly Community Workshop

The next community involvement quarterly information workshop hosted by the US Army Corps of Engineers is Thurs., June 28, 2007, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Marmet Resident Engineer's Office at Belle, W.Va. 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.

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