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Releases begin as waters recede

HUNTINGTON, WV.... As floodwaters begin to recede, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District has started controlled releases from most of the dams in the Muskingum and Scioto basins.

Huntington District Commander, Col. Dana Hurst, visited both the Muskingum and Scioto Basins during the recent flooding.

"I'm pleased to report our dams performed exactly as expected," Hurst, said. And more importantly, we are postured for future rain events."

The flood of 2005 provided the opportunity for Corps officials to determine how much water could safely be stored behind our dams to maintain their integrity and provide continued safety to the public. Controlled releases are necessary once water downstream has receded to ensure these levels are not reached, to maintain the stability of our dams, and to allow for adequate storage in preparation for the next rainfall.

The Corps is continuing to assess the situation in coordination with the National Weather Service and the local authorities. Corps inspectors remain on site monitoring the dams to insure they are operating safely.

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