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Construction Activities

by Kokosing Fru-Con

This monthly 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 will provide information on current and future activities throughout the construction of the replacement lock to those who expressed an interest in receiving the newsletter from previous editions.

If you know someone who would like to receive future copies, complete the form on the back page.

The Contractor is currently drilling into the rock foundation and recovering rock samples. The government is analyzing each sample to determine the best rock elevation for the lock foundation.

Much of the rock excavation necessary to reach the best foundation elevation will require the use of very controlled drilling and blasting. The drilling and blasting will occur immediately adjacent to the existing lock only during daylight hours. The amount of blast induced vibration is strictly controlled by contract so as to eliminate the possibility of damage to the existing lock, neighboring homes and businesses. Carefully monitored rock excavation blasting is scheduled to start June 21, 2004 and will continue for approximately six months.

The contractor intends to crush the rock excavation on site for use as fill behind the new lock walls. Current plans call for the erection of a rock crushing plant at the end of W. 19th Street. The rock will be stockpiled upstream between W. 14th Street and W. 19th Street. This operation is scheduled for two shifts beginning in late July and continuing through early February.

September will see the return of the pile driving equipment. Four circular sheet pile cells and connecting arcs which form the Harbor Headwall will be driven from original ground to bedrock beginning in September of this year. The Harbor Headwall is located adjacent to the river at 17th Street.

While the Contractor continues to aggressively pursue the completion of the project, the Government is actively pursuing the necessary funding to ensure that the completion of the project is not delayed.

Mark June 17, 2004 on your calendar. The project will again host an open house with tours of the project. The picnic has been postponed.

Information Meeting

The Corps of Engineers and Marmet lock replacement contractor Kokosing Fru-Con will conduct an information workshop/open house regarding the Marmet Lock replacement project, **Thursday, June 17, 2004**, at the office of Kokosing Fru-Con, located at 1901 West Dupont Avenue in Belle, West Virginia. The public is invited to stop by anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The workshop will provide information about the ongoing construction activities.

Representatives from the Corps and Kokosing Fru-Con will be available to answer questions. As in the past, tours of the construction site will be offered.

For more information, contact Mike Keathley at 304-399-5864 or email Michael.Keathley@lth01.usace.army.mil.

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This photo shows the construction of the concrete monoliths that will serve as part of the downstream, landward lock wall.

Visit our new Marmet Lock Replacement Project website to keep up-to-date on current construction activities.

<http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/projects/Marmet/>

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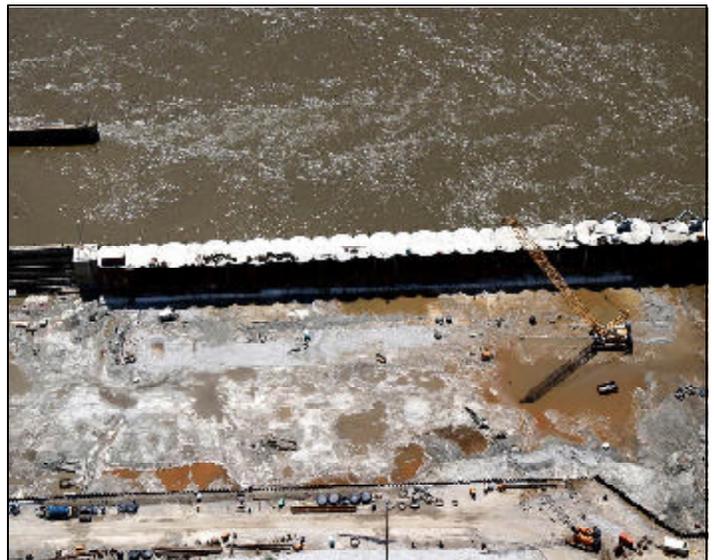
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Community Relations

- Be sure to attend the informational workshop, being held, **Thursday, June 17, 2004**, to learn about the current status of the Marmet Lock replacement project. The workshop will be held at the offices of Kokosing Fru-Con located at 1901 West Dupont Avenue. The public is invited to stop by anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The workshop will provide information about the ongoing construction activities and seek input on how the Corps and contractor can reduce impacts to the surrounding communities. Tours of the construction site will also be offered.
- Several residents have indicated an interest in having the government remove their private fences. Once permanent fencing has been installed, the government will begin the process of removing private fences and will complete this effort in groups of residences in order to reduce cost to the taxpayer. For more information about making arrangements, contact Dennis Hughes at 304-949-1934, or email Dennis.E.Hughes@Lrh01.usace.army.mil
- Please note that the on-site picnic has been postponed. The rescheduled date will be determined at a later time and announced in a future edition of this newsletter.



This photo shows exposed bedrock in the new lock chamber that will be the site for controlled blasting activities.