

Community Relations

The Corps and Kokosing Fru-Con hosted an information workshop at the offices of Kokosing Fru-Con, Thurs., Dec. 2, 2004. Ten members of the community participated in the workshop, and tours of the project were conducted.

The following concerns and comments were raised at the meeting and will be addressed in future newsletters:

- Residents are interested in the schedule for installation of the remaining permanent fence at the perimeter of the project.
- Residents again indicated that there were drainage problems along 15th Street. Residents believe water is leaving the project site and contributing to flooding. Catch basins along 15th Street are filled with sediment. Concerns for mold from excess dampness were expressed.
- Residents of Dupont City stated that Burning Springs Branch is backing up and expressed concerns about backwater effects from the construction project.
- The community requested additional information regarding the construction schedule of upstream work activities including hours of operation. (See Construction Activities on page 1).
- Residents were complimentary of rock blasting efforts to date

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Corps is continuing its effort to recruit for a community liaison. We hope to make an announcement after the first of the year.

Information Meeting

The next community involvement quarterly information meeting hosted by the Corps of Engineers and Kokosing Fru-Con will be held in March 2005. The date has not been set at this time, but we will let you know the details as soon as the date has been confirmed.

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 and Kokosing Fru-Con are available to answer questions and tours of the construction site are offered.

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crane and vibratory hammer will be used to install the sheet piling. The crane will also place rebar and the Creter crane will place the concrete.

3. Upstream Excavation and rip-rap

○Two-shift operation expected to begin in April 2005 and continue through summer and into fall 2005.

○The excavation will be performed with a large excavator, off-road dump trucks and a dozer.

○The contract requires the contractor to leave the excavation of the existing riverbank until a time closer to the lock becoming operational.

As you can see from the activities listed above, 2005 will be a busy year on the upstream end of the project. Other remaining activities will include the completion of the excavation and stone slope protection, the transport of stored materials, the construction of the Harbor Access Road, future mitigation efforts, and other smaller activities.

The Corps appreciates the patience and cooperation of the surrounding community and commends you in your support for the project. We will continue our commitment to minimize the impacts to you during this challenging year of operations.

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