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# Marmet Locks and Dam Replacement Project

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This newsletter is being sent to all interested citizens in Belle, West Virginia and surrounding communities. This is the first edition of the newsletter. Subsequent editions will be published on a monthly basis as long as they are considered useful.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wants to keep you up to date on activities during the Marmet lock and dam construction project.

Below is a list of the names and phone numbers where you can reach us. It is important to understand that each of our representatives has a different role to play; however, once we know what your question is, we will put you in touch with the right person.

## Who to Contact for Information:

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## Construction Activities

The Marmet Lock Replacement contract was awarded to Kokosing-Frucon, LLC, a joint venture, May 29, 2002. A Notice to Proceed was issued July 30, 2002. The new lock is scheduled to be operational by Jan 2008 with all construction completed by Feb 2009.

The Marmet Lock Replacement Project is well underway. The contractor is currently installing the cofferdam between 19th Street and what was formerly 20th Street. This structure will serve as a temporary barrier between the river and lock construction activities. Clearing of vegetation in the Burning Springs area is continuing. In response to air quality concerns by neighboring communities, the Corps has restricted burning during the remainder of the site clearing. Marketable timber will continue to be harvested. The remaining brush will be chipped on site.

Construction activities during the remainder of 2003 will focus on completion of the cofferdam and excavations for the new lock. Excavations will be primarily adjacent to the existing locks with limited excavations along West Riverview for storm drain utility replacement.

On April 21, the contractor added a second shift. Hours of operation are 7 am–5:30 pm and 6:30 pm–5 am.



## Value Engineering Change Proposal

A public workshop was held March 24, 2003, to inform the public of a proposed change to the Marmet Lock extension project by the contractor, Kokosing Frucon.

During the lock expansion project, approximately 2.9 million cubic yards of soil will be excavated to create a new channel at the locks. The current plan is to build a mound on the Marmet Locks property to hold this soil. The mound of soil would be approximately 120 feet high.

Kokosing Frucon proposed a change which involved transporting 1.2 million cubic yards of excavated soil to a site owned by DuPont Corporation. This would reduce the amount of material to be kept in the mound by about one-third and would reduce the height by 50 feet.

Comments received from the public at the March 24 meeting were considered by the Corps. After weighing comments, the Huntington District Commander made the decision not to accept Kokosing's change proposal.



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