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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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Photo shows overview of construction project as of the end of April 2006. Corps of Engineers photo

Construction Activities

Over the last couple of months, construction activity has increased significantly due to favorable weather. Some of the work during this time has included completion of the upstream guide wall piers, minor work on the nose cell, the monolith work in the new lock and foundation completion for the new operations building.

Remaining upstream work consists of excavation of the berm and placement of the concrete pre-cast guide wall beams on top of the piers. Excavation on the upstream bank line has begun and is expected to be completed late this fall. The guide wall beams are still in fabrication off site.

The nose cell construction is nearly complete and is expected to be completed by late June 2006.

Work in the lock monoliths continues with a total of 33 monoliths “topped out.” Concrete placement for the monoliths has increased due to spring weather and will soon reach

same level of production as seen in previous years.

The project is about 70% complete. The new lock is expected to become operational in the fall 2007, and the total project is scheduled for completion in the spring 2009.

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Photo shows upstream berm excavation.
Corps of Engineers photo.

Quarterly Community Workshop

The next community involvement quarterly information meeting hosted by the Corps of Engineers is **Thursday, June 22, 2006, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** at the **Corps Resident Engineer's Office, 1923 W. Dupont Avenue, in Belle, W.Va.** It is not necessary for everyone to arrive at 4:30 p.m. since the presentation and tour lasts approximately 30 minutes per person. Therefore, come later if you would like; presentations and tours will continue 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. Corps representatives are available to answer questions and provide tours of the construction site.

Community Relations

The Corps hosted an information workshop at the resident engineer office, Thursday, March 23, 2006. About 26 members of the community participated in the workshop and project tours.

The following concerns and comments were raised at the meeting:

- 1) Some people expressed the desire for obtaining a compact disc with additional photos of the construction project. **Anyone wanting a compact disc with project photos can call Jeff Jezewski, 304-399-5573 or 304-360-0292 or email Jeffrey.Jezewski@lrh01.usace.army.mil.**

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