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Corps of Engineers Schedules Renewed Blasting At Lock and Dam 24

Clarksville, Mo. – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, will again conduct blasting to remove deteriorated concrete from lock walls at Lock and Dam #24. The work, being accomplished by Midwest Foundation Corporation and Massmann Construction, a joint venture, will be similar to blasting conducted last winter.

The coming series of blasts will be focused on the landside lock wall. Blasting will begin about Tuesday, December 16, 2003, and be completed by December 20. Additional blasts may be announced shortly thereafter, but all blasting is expected to be complete before Christmas.

Corps of Engineers personnel emphasize that the blasting presents no danger to people or property nearby, but are informing citizens to ensure that they are aware of the source of the vibration and noise during the project.

A series of warning sirens will alert citizens to coming blasts:

- 5 long sirens – 5 minutes to blast
- 5 short sirens – 1 minute to blast
- Single 20-second siren – all clear

Lock and Dam #24 will be closed from December 15, 2003 to March 14, 2004. This winter's lock closure is the third and final such operational suspension. The winter closure has been coordinated with the barge industry to permit planning to minimize impact, while enabling the Corps of Engineers to complete work that is beyond the scope of routine maintenance.

The ongoing project to rehabilitate concrete and machinery at the lock and dam is scheduled to be complete by November 2004.

Editors note: Those media outlets interested in covering the blasts at Lock and Dam #24 are asked to contact the St. Louis District Public Affairs Office for additional information.