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## Media Advisory

What: Concrete Blasting at Lock and Dam 24  
Where: Clarksville, Mo., on Hwy 79  
When: Blasting scheduled for Dec. 16-19, 2003

### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Renews Blasting at Lock and Dam 24

Clarksville, Mo. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, will conduct blasting operations from Dec. 16-20 at Lock and Dam 24. The work, being accomplished by Midwest Foundation Corporation and Massmann Construction, is similar to blasting conducted last winter.

The blasts, focused on the landside lock wall, will remove deteriorated concrete from lock walls. Blasting will begin Tuesday, December 16, 2003, and be completed by December 20. The media are invited to attend the blasts, although visits must be coordinated with the St. Louis District's Public Affairs Office at 314-331-8068/8095.

December 17 and 18 present the best opportunity for coverage. A blast is scheduled for the morning, roughly between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., and the afternoon, sometime between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Due to setup time and weather considerations, there is some leeway in detonation times. Journalists should allow themselves plenty of travel and set up time.

A series of warning sirens will alert 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 to enable the Corps of Engineers to complete work that is beyond the scope of routine maintenance.

*Editor's note: The lock is a construction area and hard hats are required while at the facility. We can supply hard hats to those journalists who do not have their own. It is also recommended that journalists wear safety boots and safety glasses.*