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## Media Advisory

What: Lock and Dam 24 Reopens  
Where: Clarksville, Mo.  
When: Sunday, March 14, 2004 at 6 a.m.

### US Army Corps of Engineers Reopens Lock 24 at Clarksville

Clarksville, Mo. – Lock and Dam 24, Clarksville, Mo., will reopen to Mississippi River traffic on March 14 at 6 a.m. This concludes a three-month-long winter closure that was necessary to facilitate major rehab that could not be done during normal operation. The lock closed December 15.

During the closure deteriorated concrete on the landside lock wall was removed and replaced with precast concrete panels, new machinery was installed on the landside lock wall, and the lock's 600-foot long, 110-foot wide, 35-foot deep chamber was dewatered. The dewatering allowed contract personnel to remove demolition rubble from the lock chamber floor and repair the lock floor.

This is the third and final winter closure for Lock 24. This phase of the major rehab work has been completed through a successful joint venture between Midwest Foundation Corp. of Tremont, Ill., and Massman Construction Co. of Kansas City, Mo. The contract is scheduled for completion in November 2004.

The \$35 million concrete rehabilitation contract is part of the larger \$87 million major rehab project. It is being financed on a cost-share basis with 50 percent of the costs being funded from a trust fund that collects 20 cents per gallon of diesel fuel purchased by commercial navigation vessels.