

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, PROPOSED DAM SAFETY MODIFICATIONS, LEWISVILLE DAM, ELM FORK OF THE TRINITY RIVER, LEWISVILLE, TEXAS

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Fort Worth District, has prepared and is currently seeking comments on an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) assessing the potential environmental consequences resulting from implementation of proposed dam safety modifications to the Lewisville Dam on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River in Lewisville, Texas.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to minimize the potential for dam failure by addressing deficiencies at the Lewisville Dam. The proposed action is needed for the Lewisville Dam to meet USACE risk reduction guidelines for existing dams and to provide the benefits for which it was authorized.

The Lewisville Dam is currently functioning as designed, and the probability of failure is remote. While failure is a remote probability, the risk to human life and property should failure occur is high enough to warrant action to address identified deficiencies. Under the proposed action, the USACE would reduce risk of dam failure from seepage deficiencies at two different locations by constructing downstream inverted filter berms with associated collection trenches for seepage flow at each location. The USACE would reduce the risk of dam failure associated with spillway instability by construction post-tensioned anchors with an upstream geomembrane cutoff to support the spillway structure, and overlay the apron on the downstream side of the spillway to prevent the apron panels from moving during spillway flow events. All the construction activities associated with the proposed action would be conducted on Lewisville Lake federal project lands.

The EA is publicly available and the USACE is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native American Tribes, and other interested parties regarding the evaluation of potential impacts associated with the proposed action.

Copies of the EA and draft FONSI may be reviewed online at the USACE, Fort Worth District Website: <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/About/Organization/PPMD/Peer-Review-Plans/>; and at the following locations:

Lewisville Public Library
1197 West Main Street
Lewisville, Texas 75067

Coppell Public Library
500 Southwestern Boulevard
Coppell, Texas 75019

Farmers Branch Manske Library
13614 Webb Chapel Road
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

Valley Ranch Library
401 Cimarron Trail
Irving, Texas 75063

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, Texas 75201

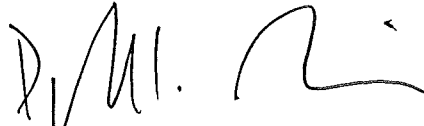
Oak Lawn Branch Library
4100 Cedar Spring Road
Dallas, Texas 75219

North Oak Cliff Branch Library
302 West Tenth Street
Dallas, Texas 75208

Dallas West Branch Library
2332 Singleton Boulevard
Dallas, Texas 75212

An open house for the Lewisville Dam Safety Modifications EA will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., in the Black Box Theater Room at the Lewisville Grand Theater located at 100 North Charles Street, Lewisville, Texas 75057. Copies of the EA will be available at the meeting for review.

All written comments must be postmarked on or before October 15, 2016. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Marcia Hackett, USACE, Fort Worth District, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300, or via e-mail to marcia.r.hackett@usace.army.mil. Written comments may also be submitted at the public meeting.

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