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CORPS ANNOUNCES MORATORIUM ON NEW DOCK PERMIT APPLICATIONS AT LAKE LANIER

Lake Sidney Lanier, GA – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Sidney Lanier will begin implementation of a moratorium on accepting new appointments/applications for private boat dock permits on Friday, April 27, 2007.

“This moratorium is necessary to allow project personnel to address the numerous existing applications and appointments to determine where the project stands in relation to the maximum carrying capacity identified in the 2004 Shoreline Management Plan,” said Jonathan Davis, Operations Project Manager, Lake Sidney Lanier.

In December 2004, following two years of study and public involvement, the Corps completed an update of the Lake Lanier Shoreline Management Plan and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Lake Lanier Shoreline Management Plan addresses several lake management objectives, one of particular interest is the total carrying capacity, or density, for private boat docks on the shoreline. The Plan and the EIS established a maximum carrying capacity of 10,615 boat docks. In order to comply with the EIS and Shoreline Management Plan, once the 10,615 number is reached no new dock permits can be issued.

“The moratorium is necessary for us to complete the evaluation and processing of pending dock permit applications and appointments which have been received to date,” said Davis. “The moratorium will be in place for 120 days to allow us to do this.”

The moratorium does not affect the normal processing for existing dock permits (i.e. reissue upon expiration or transfer of ownership).

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Following the moratorium the Corps will then have an exact number of remaining dock permits that could be issued if the current number does not exceed the 10,615. There are approximately 500 available permits remaining. The moratorium will give project personnel the necessary time to process what is currently on hand to determine how many of those qualify for a dock permit and then determine how many, if any, remain.

For additional information or questions contact the Corps at 770-945-9531. For daily lake level information call 770-945-1467. Thirty-day lake level forecasts and historical lake level information can be viewed on the Corps water management website (<http://water.sam.usace.army.mil>)