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Fort Worth District, Corps of Engineers, preparing for Hurricane Ike support operations

FORT WORTH, Texas –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District is preparing for potential impacts of Hurricane Ike, by pre-positioning personnel and equipment and preparing for response operations. With the closure earlier today of the Galveston District, Fort Worth District also has assumed lead district responsibility, as Galveston District personnel relocate critical assets and personnel to an emergency operations center at Addick Field Office on the west side of Houston.

The Corps is continuing to closely monitor the path of the hurricane as it moves inland, where it could increase in speed and intensity, and pose a significant threat of flooding and wind damage in parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. Emergency Operations managers have begun coordination with local officials and reservoir control engineers have turned their attention to maximizing flood damage reduction efforts. Teams are being formed to assist local levee districts with technical advice and support as needed and flood fighting supplies, such as sandbags, have been pre-positioned.

Currently, the Fort Sam Houston Area Office is being used for staging of water, power, ice and generators. Personnel and equipment are enroute to San Antonio and Austin to provide support as part of the National Response Plan, under Emergency Support Function 3.

Based on the rainfall predictions from the National Weather Service and an examination of the current capacity of the Fort Worth District lakes to store flood runoff, it is not anticipated that there will be any significant impacts from Hurricane Ike on the lakes. Several of the lakes are likely to rise into flood pool but based on current predictions, it is unlikely to be a significant amount.

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About the Fort Worth District : The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and military design and construction in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil.