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Work To Resume at Waterbury Dam

Waterbury, VT – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), New York District, and Vermont Agency of Natural Resources announced today that construction activities at Waterbury Dam will resume in April 2004.

The \$23.5 million rehabilitation project began in July 2002. Work resumes in mid-April with continuation of construction of the secant cutoff wall and wells using \$6 million dollars appropriated by the U.S. Congress for fiscal year 2004. The first phase of construction, completed in November 2002, involved installation of filters along the outlet conduit. Construction began on the secant cutoff wall and was completed on seepage control wells in 2003. Rehabilitation of the dam is scheduled to be completed in 2005 and will include construction of environmental mitigation measures and repairs to spillway gates. All work is subject to availability of funds.

The ACOE built the dam in the late 1930s, and the state took over its operation and maintenance as a flood control facility. Power generation capacity was added in 1953. In 1999, a periodic evaluation of the structure revealed seepage and other issues. The ACOE and staff from Vermont ' s Dam Safety Program reviewed a number of options, ranging from removal to complete reconstruction, before recommending corrective construction. Additional historical information, current construction photos and a fact sheet are available online at <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/business/prjlinks/waterdam/index.htm> .

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