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Tuttle Creek Dam Project, Progress Continues

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is making progress with construction to stabilize the foundation of Tuttle Creek Dam and to complete structural modifications to the 18 spillway gates east of the dam.

“Construction is well underway on both portions of the project, and good progress is being made,” said Brian McNulty, project manager for the Corps. “This project is ahead of schedule and will be completed under budget.”

Due to fiscal year funding limitations for the project, a portion of construction activities have and will be temporarily suspended until additional funds are allocated. The new Federal fiscal year begins October 1, and the 2009 budgeted funds appropriated to the project will allow most construction activity to resume.

Due to seasonal weather restrictions, the painting work on the spillway gates is expected to continue in spring 2009.

Construction of the Transverse Shear Walls, the main feature on the downstream side of the dam for seismic stabilization will temporarily cease later this month and resume in October.

The 2009 proposed funds allocation for the project will again halt construction of the Transverse Shear Walls January through September 2009.

All construction associated with Tuttle Creek Dam Safety Assurance Program is scheduled to be complete in September of 2010, but assumes no suspensions of work. Therefore, the project completion date will be extended due to the expected suspensions.

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