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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to open new Trinity River channel

What: Realignment of the Trinity River at the I-45 Bridge.

The Trinity River will soon be taking a new direction! The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will prepare to open up the new channel on Thursday, by removing two earthen plugs, which will move the river to a new path.

When: Thursday, November 9, 2006 - 8: 30 a.m.

Where: I-45 at Overton Road, Dallas, TX 75060 (**Mapsco 56-P**)

Why: The realigned channel will help with overall flood damage reduction within the Dallas Floodway and ensure the structural integrity of the I-45 Bridge. The project is another important milestone in the Trinity River Project that includes flood protection, recreation amenities, transportation improvements, environmental restoration and the construction of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge.

Note: Aerial photography is encouraged. News media who wish to cover the event from the ground will be escorted to the site by Corps personnel at the construction staging area under the I-45 Bridge at Overton. Please wear long sleeved shirts and pants, hard hats and reflective vest will be provided. Steel-toed boots are recommended but no open-toed shoes will be allowed.

