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Army Corps to lower reservoirs at Francis E. Walter dam and Blue Marsh Lake

PHILADELPHIA (August 31, 2006): The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers today announced that it has begun lowering the water levels of the reservoirs at both Blue Marsh Lake and the F.E. Walter Dam due to projected rainfall related to tropical storm Ernesto.

The outflow of the dam at Blue Marsh Lake was increased to 2000 cubic feet per second, and the outflow from the F.E. Walter dam was increased to 3500cfs.

It is expected that the above flows will be maintained for approximately 24 hours, however the flows will be changed accordingly if the weather conditions dictate a need.

Lowering the reservoirs levels of the dams increases their overall storage capacity.

This change has been made in coordination with the Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.