Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District (District) announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Rough River Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project, Falls of Rough, Kentucky.

Due to changes in the project design, this EA has been revised and is being released for a second public and agency review period. Changes in design included an increased footprint of the disposal and staging area, use of underwater blasting for construction of the intake channel, and filling approximately 400 linear feet of the tailwater with earthen material to prevent erosion near the proposed outflow channel.

The EA compared potential effects to the quality of the environment from implementation of four alternatives to address internal erosion and seepage issues at Rough River Lake Dam. The District is recommending a plan that includes the installation of a full-length concrete diaphragm cutoff wall throughout the length of the dam and the construction of a new intake channel, control tower, tunnel, and stilling basin along the left abutment of the dam.

The District has determined that allowing the recommended plan to be implemented would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

The EA is available for viewing at the following link:

https://go.usa.gov/xp2Pb

To request a paper copy of the EA, or to submit comments, contact:

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Comments regarding the EA received by December 6th, 2019 will assist in the agency’s evaluation of the project changes and will be reflected in the project record.