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## **Rehabilitation assistance for flood-damaged flood control projects**

**Baltimore** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, announced today that public sponsors of flood control projects that sustained damages due to flooding during the period of Sept. 18, 2003 to Sept. 24, 2003, have until Oct. 30, 2003 to apply for Public Law 84-99 Rehabilitation Assistance from the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Corps of Engineers has authority under Public Law 84-99 to supplement local efforts in the repair of both federal (Corps constructed, locally operated and maintained) and non-federal (constructed by non-federal interests or by the Work Projects Administration (WPA)) flood control projects damaged by flood.

- For a non-federal flood control project to be eligible for Rehabilitation Assistance, it must have been inspected, evaluated and accepted into the Corps Rehabilitation and Inspection Program (i.e., granted active status) prior to the onset of the flood, and still be active (based on the latest Continuing Eligibility Inspection) at the time of the flood.
- For a federal flood control project to be eligible for Rehabilitation Assistance, it must be in an active status by having passed its last Inspection of Completed Works.
- Rehabilitation Assistance will be provided by the Corps only when the work is economically justifiable, the damage was sustained during the recent flood event, and the cost of repairs is more than \$15,000.
- Rehabilitation Assistance for a non-federal project is cost-shared between the public sponsor and the Corps of Engineers. The public sponsor must provide 20 percent of the cost of the Rehabilitation Assistance.

All requests for assistance made to the Corps will be coordinated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to prevent duplication of benefits.

If a public sponsor believes that a particular project may qualify for Rehabilitation Assistance, a written request must be submitted to the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Emergency Management Branch, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Md. 21203**. The request must be signed by an officer or responsible official of the public sponsor, and must include:

- Name and telephone number of the public sponsor's point of contact;
- Legal name of the flood control project;
- Date and results of the last inspection by the Corps of Engineers;
- Location of the flood control project by township, section, range, city, and county;
- Location(s) of the damaged section(s), and extent of the damage at each location; and
- Waterway causing the flood.

Upon receipt of the public sponsor's request, the Corps of Engineers will schedule an inspection with the public sponsor.

