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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers releasing water at East Sidney Lake Dam, N.Y.

Baltimore (June 30, 2006) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began to make a controlled water release from East Sidney Lake Dam in Delaware County, N.Y., today at approximately 11 a.m. This controlled release is necessary to lower the reservoir pool and restore full flood control protection for downstream residents.

Since Tuesday, June 27, the reservoir has stored more than 10 billion gallons of water, reaching its capacity. Releasing the water in a slow, measured outflow between 1,200 and 1,900 cubic feet per second during the day today will eventually fill the Ouleout Creek channel between the dam and Susquehanna River. The release will **not** cause any additional rises on the Susquehanna River.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers anticipate continuing the controlled release to return the reservoir to normal pool elevation. This could take one to two weeks. In the meantime, the Susquehanna River at Unadilla, N.Y., is expected to continue falling.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dam operators and engineers continue to closely monitor the release at the dam and community members can be assured that the East Sidney Lake Dam is structurally sound and is operating as intended.

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