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Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prepares for Ernesto

Baltimore – In anticipation of Tropical Storm Ernesto, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, has taken several steps to respond to potential flooding and the need for emergency support to the Susquehanna River and Potomac River watersheds.

Operations

- All 14 District reservoirs are at or below normal pool levels and have 100 percent of their floodwater storage capacity available to accommodate the predicted amount of rainfall.
- Water control experts are monitoring gages, water levels and the District's flood damage reduction projects within the Susquehanna River and Potomac River watersheds.
- Projects under construction in the region are being monitored.

Emergency Operations and Assistance

Baltimore District has:

- Activated its Emergency Operations Center at the City Crescent Building in Baltimore through the weekend; 12-hour shifts, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Placed its Rapid Response Vehicle and crew on Alert/Standby, ready to deploy packed with equipment needed to put a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team into action at an emergency site in 18 hours or less.

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- Deployed an Army Corps of Engineers Liaison Officer to the Washington, D.C. Emergency Operations Center to provide technical advice and support in the area of flood related activities.
- Army Corps of Engineers liaison officers are also in contact with Maryland and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agencies and will continue to monitor the situation during this event.
- District Emergency Area Coordinators are on alert status, keeping in touch with local governments and providing situational reports to the District's emergency operations center.

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