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Tuttle Creek Dam Project Continues Progress

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers advertised a contract this week to begin construction resulting in the stabilization of Tuttle Creek Dam in the event of an earthquake.

The selection of a contractor is expected to take place as well as the advertisement of another contract to complete modifications to the 18 spillway gates.

“Construction will start on all aspects of the dam modifications in September,” said Bill Empson, project manager for the Corps. “The first contract providing stabilization for the dam is the next step in the \$206 million Dam Safety Assurance Program which is the largest of its kind ever undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.”

A temporary Dam Failure Warning System, along with dam modifications, will protect the downstream community and bring the dam into compliance with current dam safety standards for earthquake effects. Initial work on the dam will involve injection of cement under the upstream slope of the dam and the testing of equipment in the field downstream of the dam.

“Work on the project to date has included construction of a new road below the dam and closure of the old road immediately below the dam to allow for construction traffic,” Empson said. “To offset construction impacts, new campgrounds scheduled to open in the spring of 2006 are also currently under construction downstream of the River Pond and in the upstream Tuttle Creek Cove public use area.”

For more information, visit the Corps’ Web site at

<http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/tcdam/index.htm>, or call Diana McCoy at (816) 983-3487.

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