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Corps of Engineers, Bond to dedicate new Stockton facility

STOCKTON, Mo. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will dedicate a new visitor's center in honor of Missouri Senator Kit Bond during a ribbon-cutting ceremony, at 10 a.m., Sept. 1, 2005, at the Stockton Lake project.

The new facility was constructed by Pangea Construction, a St. Louis-based construction company and is located near the site of the former facility, 16435 E. Stockton Lake Drive, in Stockton, Mo.

The previous office for the lake received severe damage in a May 4, 2003 tornado, and was deemed structurally unsound, requiring the construction of the new building.

The \$1.6 million, 6,100 square-foot information center also includes administrative office space for the Corps' Stockton Lake office staff.

Area residents asked the Corps to dedicate the new facility to Bond because of his efforts to aid the Stockton community in its recovery from the 2003 tornado. Bond facilitated the presence of federal agencies, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to help with reconstruction in the community.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has the responsibility for managing approximately 58,000 acres of land and water at Stockton Lake. The Missouri Department of Conservation assists the Corps by managing 16,572 acres under a license agreement. Land management practices used by the Corps of Engineers and MDC are implemented to enhance and protect the environment and the natural resources.

Stockton Lake provides flood protection for downstream areas and is part of a network of Corps of Engineer Lakes that help control flooding in the Missouri and Mississippi River basins. Stockton Dam and Lake provide hydroelectric power that is marketed through the United States Department of Energy, Southwestern Power Administration, and numerous recreational opportunities to well over 1.5 million visitors each year.

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