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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to perform dewatering and dam inspections of Pomme de Terre Lake

Hermitage, Mo. – The Kansas City District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Pomme de Terre Lake will dewater the lake’s water control structures to perform a safety inspection from Oct. 11 through Oct. 18.

Dam safety inspections are a vital part of the USACE mission. Formal engineering inspections are performed every five years.

Built in 1961, Pomme de Terre Lake covers 7,820 acres, expanding to 16,100 acres during periods of heavy rain as excess runoff is stored to reduce downstream flooding. The lake works in conjunction with several other Corps operated lakes to provide flood reduction for the Osage River Basin and the lower Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

According to Randy Kuzniakowski, civil engineer, the engineers will inspect the major features of the project, including the stilling basin, outlet works tunnel, the equipment inside the intake tower, the tower itself and embankments.

“While it is important to maintain the structural integrity of the dam to prevent a catastrophic event, we are taking precautions to protect the integrity and diversity of the existing stream life,” said Brad Myers, operations manager for the lake.

Missouri Department of Conservation will be relocating fish from the stilling basin to the lake, and crews from Resource Science, school classes and stream teams will move mussels from shallow water and dry land to deep pools.

Other benefits of the lake include recreation, fish and wildlife management and water quality improvement.

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Schedule of Events

- Oct. 11 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.: Release water at 2,800 cubic feet per second (cfs) to flush algae from the outlet stilling basin.
- Oct. 12 through Oct. 15 beginning at 8:30 a.m.: Shut down outflow through the dam to begin the process of pumping water from the stilling basin.
- Oct. 16 beginning at 8:30 a.m.: Remove fish from the stilling basin.
- Oct. 16 through Oct. 18: Inspection team will complete the periodic inspection of the dam.
- Oct. 18: After the inspection is complete, begin releasing 50 cfs to the river.

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