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Tuttle Creek tests new warning sirens Wednesday

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will test six new sirens Wednesday shortly after 2 p.m. as part of the Corps' new Tuttle Creek Dam Failure Warning System here.

The sirens, located at Sojourner Truth Park, the City of Manhattan Water Treatment Facility, Northeast Community Park, Eisenhower Baseball Complex, the intersection of Casement and Barnes roads and Tuttle Creek Outlet Park, will sound for three minutes followed by a voice command instructing residents to seek high ground.

The test, which will include the actual voice and tone signals that would be used if evacuation after an earthquake were required, will start and end with voice messages indicating that this is a test. Residents should not take any action as a result of these tests.

The sirens are part of the Corps' Dam Failure Warning System, a high-tech monitoring and alert system designed to inform the community downstream of Tuttle Creek Dam to evacuate in the event of a dam failure caused by an earthquake.

Although the chances of an earthquake of this magnitude occurring near Manhattan are small, the warning system will help protect the local community while the Corps of Engineers modifies Tuttle Creek Dam to meet current dam safety standards for earthquake effects. Construction on the dam will begin in 2005.

For more information about the Tuttle Creek Dam Failure Warning System, visit the Corps' Web site at <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/tcdam/index.htm> or call Mitch Frazier at (816) 983-3486.

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