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## ***Corps of Engineers Issues Permit for King William Reservoir***

Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY -- Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division Commander, announced today that he has issued the final Department of the Army permit to the City of Newport News, Virginia for the King William Reservoir project. This represents the final step in the Corps of Engineers' application review process for the project.

The final permit contains 19 special conditions, one of which requires the City of Newport News to adhere to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Memorandum of Agreement that specifies measures for the identification and treatment of historic and cultural resources, including Traditional Cultural Properties of Native American Tribes. Other special conditions require:

- Measures for protection of federally threatened plant species
- Submission of a final detailed streams and wetlands mitigation plan, which must receive written approval from the Corps before the City of Newport News can begin construction of the reservoir
- Grading and initial planting in wetland mitigation sites, which must be completed to the written satisfaction of the Corps before the City of Newport News can begin to withdraw water from the Mattaponi River

The issuance of the Department of the Army permit marks a transition point for the Corps of Engineers' responsibilities on the King William Reservoir permit. The Norfolk District, under the leadership of Colonel Yvonne J. Prettyman-Beck, will now oversee compliance with all permit requirements, including its 19 special conditions to protect the environmental and cultural resources. The Corps will continue to work with interested parties, and will lead an Interagency Mitigation Team whose participants include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chesapeake Bay Field Office and the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. This team will provide technical expertise as part of the approval and execution of the final mitigation plan.

The text of the final permit can be found at: <http://www.nad.usace.army.mil/kwr/kwr.htm> and can be downloaded from that site. North Atlantic Division Public Affairs Office, David J. Lipsky, [David.J.Lipsky@usace.army.mil](mailto:David.J.Lipsky@usace.army.mil) (Voice) 718-765-7018 (Fax) 718-765-7173, Norfolk District Public Affairs Office, Jerry Rogers or Nancy Allen, [Gerald.Rogers@usace.army.mil](mailto:Gerald.Rogers@usace.army.mil) or [Nancy.E.Allen@usace.army.mil](mailto:Nancy.E.Allen@usace.army.mil) (Voice) 757-201-7606 (Fax) 757-201-7133