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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announce Lake O' the Pines Stilling Basin De-watering

*FORT WORTH, Texas* – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District at Lake O' the Pines will be conducting de-watering operations of the stilling basin/spillway area beginning May 9 through approximately May 13. During this operation a temporary coffer dam will be built downstream to prevent water in Big Cypress Creek from flowing back into the basin. Water will then be pumped out of the basin so that the concrete structure in the basin may be inspected and any needed repairs completed.

This operation is conducted approximately every ten years, and was last accomplished in October 2001. The Outlet Park fishing area will be closed and all access into the area will be restricted for safety and security reasons as the Corps and its contractors perform the de-watering and any necessary repairs. Questions concerning the de-watering operation may be directed to Shane Braley, Flood Damage Reduction Business Line Manager for Lake O' the Pines, at 903-665-2336 ext. 15.

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**About the Fort Worth District:** The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and design and construction at military installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District Web site at: [www.swf.usace.army.mil](http://www.swf.usace.army.mil).