



Construction and Community Advisory Group Update 2/9/2011

Construction has continued to progress with the recent dry weather providing suitable conditions for works. Flows have continued to pass through the forest and continues to affect the in channel work sites.

Works Recently Undertaken

- The recent dry weather has allowed the earthworks to increase. This consisted of topsoil stripping, excavation, foundation preparation and filling. Particular attention has been given to filling in key trenches to natural surface level.
- Flood protections works in the form of temporary earthen levee's have been undertaken.
- Concrete works has continued at the Return Channel and Calf Creek sites.
- Barber, Cow, Little Barber and Thule Creek sites remain inundated with flood water.
- The clearing, grubbing and grinding of the last section of the levee has been completed.
- The Inlet Channel excavation extends to approximately 1km from its offtake with the Murray River, with excavations at varying depths from 40% - 100%. The inlet channel is approximately 30% complete.
- The pouring of the blinding concrete for the foundation of the fishway at the inlet channel structure has been completed.

Upcoming Construction Works and Activities

- Murray River flows below Torrumbarry Weir are expected to reduce over the next week. The flows through the forest are expected to peak at the downstream structures early in the first week of September.
- Levee earthworks will be accelerated to take advantage of favourable conditions.
- Concrete works on the piers at the Return Channel regulator structure will continue
- The construction of the wing walls as part of the Calf Creek regulator structure will continue.
- The excavation of the inlet channel will continue through September. Foundation and structural works for the regulator structure at the inlet channel will continue.
- Construction of forest Access Roads 1 and 2 off the Barham-Moulamein Road is in progress and will continue.

Please be reminded that due to safety regulations all levee, regulator and channel construction areas are closed to the public. This includes access via boats to any creeks with in the forest that are part of the construction area during times of inundation.

Community Operation and Planning Advisory Group (COPAC) meetings.

COPAC meets monthly to discuss operating issues and risks and to provide local knowledge and expertise. Next Meeting is scheduled for 23rd September.

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Foundation works and preparation for concrete pouring at the Inlet Channel regulator work site. Photo courtesy of Peter Arnold from Professional Engineering Services.