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Army Corps Conducting Post-Earthquake Statewide Dam Inspections

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(FORT SHAFTER, HI - NR 35-06) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is deploying a team of eight dam safety specialists to the state's four major islands to provide dam safety inspections in support of FEMA post-earthquake assessments.

Coordinated by the Honolulu District with full funding by FEMA, the team is deploying from Oahu Oct. 29 to provide Hawaii civil defense and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) officials assistance with much needed assessments of 84 high-hazard dams.

State of Hawaii Civil Defense, DLNR and FEMA continue to assess damage to public structures on the Island of Hawaii and Maui in the aftermath of the 6.7 and 6.0 magnitude earthquakes that rattled the island of Hawaii Oct. 15.

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The dam inspections will be conducted within a two week window.

“This work will be done under a FEMA Technical Assistance Mission,” said Derek Chow, Honolulu District’s project manager for the Dam Safety Inspection Mission. “We (the Corps) are coordinating with state officials on the scope, timing and other requirements.”

Initial inspections on the island of Hawaii and Maui have been completed by non-Corps resources. Island of Hawaii dams will be re-inspected by the Corps in accordance with the “Hawaii Dam Safety Guidelines: Seismic Analysis & Post-Earthquake Inspections,” which can viewed on the state DLNR website at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/> under Dam Safety Program.

The Bureau of Reclamation will complete Maui dam inspections Oct. 28. No further inspections of Maui dams will be conducted by the Corps.

Five Corps geotechnical engineers will inspect Kauai dams. Simultaneously, three Corps geotechnical engineers will survey the island of Hawaii dams and when done, survey Oahu dams.

Dam survey forms will be compiled by the Corps and submitted to the state.

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