

**As part of flood mitigation, the DRBC has proposed a plan to increase  
reservoir water and thus more flooding?  
Do you think your voice needs to be heard?**

Facts: NYCDEP has been blamed for increasing the severity of our last 3 floods by residents in all Basin states. The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) has proposed a complex program.

- ? It is called the FFMP (Flexible Flow Management Program). It has come under fire at all public hearings. The DRBC has extended public comments until March 3, 2008.
- ? The FFMP can be found on line at the DRBC Home page. All items are there. There is more than reservoir releases involved.
- ? On Page 16, there is an additional storage provision for Pepacton and Cannonsville.
- ? Pepacton and Cannonsville are potentially designated to be increased by 13 billion gallons, combined. (That is 6.5 billion for each or more in one or the other)
- ? The primary purpose of this increase is to *protect* fish.
- ? NYCDEP and NYS are doing a study and searching for funds...TAX DOLLARS!
- ? The whole process and design for construction is due by 2012.
- ? The FFMP will be voted on for final adoption in May 2008.
- ? The FFMP gives the project a go ahead before feasibility is determined.

**CONSIDER:** If “additional storage” is approved, it means 5’ more water in each of the reservoirs...if we got another June ’06 flood...what would happen above and below these reservoirs? How high would the water get near the roads in Walton and Margaretville? Remember, Cannonsville was 8’ over spillway and Pepacton was almost 4’ above!

**CONSIDER:** The terrible safety and track record of the NYCDEP engineering inspectors! There are the fudged reports of Neversink. There is the near collapse of Gilboa due to neglect. There is the lack of warning systems for below these reservoirs. The reporting system to National Weather Service is down sometimes over 24 hours. (In one month it was down 27 times)

**CONSIDER:** NYS has representatives to the DRBC. Governor Spitzer is the Commissioner for our state. His second in command is Mr. Grannis...NYSDEC Commissioner. Sounds good until you know that Mr. Grannis is the former Assemblyman from the 65<sup>th</sup> District, the Upper Eastside of Manhattan. The advisor on these issues is Emily Lloyd, NYCDEP Commissioner. The other two that can attend the meeting are DEC office holders, S. Allen and M. Klotz. Has New York State stacked the DRBC against us?

## **ASK:**

1. Where are the environmental studies that would discuss the impact on our region?
2. Where are the public hearings in Margaretville and Walton to discuss the water levels at the new full capacity?
3. Where are the hearings for the residents below those new water levels—Downsville, Deposit, East Branch, Corbett, Hale Eddy, Fishes Eddy?
4. If flood mitigation cannot be done with the current full reservoirs, what will these new levels bring?
5. Where are the studies to show the impact of flooding caused by the new levels?
6. Where are the warning systems for the communities below this addition to the dam?
7. Where are the economic studies for the affected communities?
8. Where are the engineering studies that would show that the old reservoirs could hold that added weight?
9. Is the rumor true that NYCDEP already has the study done from proposing this addition years ago?

Comments should be mailed to Commission Secretary, DRBC, P.O. Box 7360, 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360. They also may be faxed to "Attn: Commission Secretary" at (609) 883-9522 or emailed to [paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us](mailto:paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us). All written comments must be received by 5 p.m. on March 3 and should include the name, address, and affiliation (if any) of the commenter, along with "FFMP" in the subject line.

***If you have concerns, make your voice heard! It only takes a few minutes. I have suggested in my filing that this provision be removed from the FFMP before it is adopted. Once it is adopted, we will loose...JUST AS WE HAVE WITH THE MOA (Memorandum of Agreement)! Ask for answers to the above questions.***

The DRBC counts the number of comments per topic...let us FLOOD their office with our concerns.

Thank you,  
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