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Corps to host Soo Locks open house, groundbreaking and public meeting June 30

DETROIT – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, on Tuesday, June 30, will host a groundbreaking ceremony at the Soo Locks in Sault St. Marie, Mich.

This ceremony marks the first phase of construction for a lock project that is planned at the Soo. The first phase includes a construction project for coffer dams that was awarded in early June and an excavation project to be awarded later this summer.

U.S. Senators and Representatives, state and local leaders, and Corps senior leaders, will participate in this groundbreaking ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. Along with the groundbreaking, the Corps also will hold an open house on June 30, from 9 a.m. to noon.

On Tuesday evening after the groundbreaking, the Corps will also host a public information session at the Soo Locks Visitors Center's auditorium at 7 p.m. Corps experts will be on hand to discuss the Corps process for the locks project. The Visitors Center is located within the Soo Locks' compound along Portage Avenue. All are welcome to attend these events.

When:

- Open house from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Groundbreaking ceremony begins 10 a.m.; media should arrive no later than 9 a.m.
- Public information session begins 7 p.m. at the Soo Locks Visitors Center.

Where:

Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (click on the Soo Locks Visitors Center link at the Corps' website: [http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/](http://www.lre.usace.army.mil) for directions)

If you need more information or your news organization plans to attend the ceremony, please contact Detroit District Public Affairs Officer Lynn Duerod at 313-226-4680 no later than close of business on June 29.