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## CHARLESTON DISTRICT HOLDS STATE-WIDE WATER RESOURCES WORKSHOP

The Charleston District hosted the South Carolina Water Resources Workshop in Columbia, SC on May 31 and June 1. This two-day workshop, titled, "Working In the Public Interest," brought together federal and state agencies, academia and industry to discuss water resource-related issues. It also provided attendees with a chance to learn about state and federal programs designed to address these issues.

The first day of the workshop focused on water resource issues across the state. The second day focused on regulatory issues related to water.

While this wasn't the first educational workshop the District held, it was the first time both planning and regulatory issues were addressed at the same session.

Bill Stein, Deputy Program Manager, explained that in 2004, the Charleston District held a small conference for Congressional staffers, in an effort to provide information concerning federal programs and



*Panel members Kelly Long, Rene Ann Tewkesbury, Dalton Tresvant, and Lisa Metheny discussing legislative concerns and staffer roles in legislative processes*

dollars that are available to meet water resources needs.

"The two-day session was such a huge success that we expanded it this year to include similar presentations by state agencies while increasing the

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## NEW ELLENTON BARRICADE PROJECT COMPLETED

*By Jim Whiteman  
Project Manager*

The New Ellenton Barricade Replacement project at the Savannah River Site (SRS) has been successfully completed for the Department of Energy (DOE). In May 2006, beneficial occupancy of the facility was completed by the primary user, Wackenhut Security Services.

The contractor for the project was Anthony and Gordon Construction Company. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the barricade was conducted on May 24, 2006. LTC Fleming, Matt Laws, Jim Whiteman, and Gary McAlister

attended the ribbon cutting ceremony. Project construction was initiated in August 2005, and construction completion was realized one year after completion of the Jackson Barricade Replacement project.

LTC Fleming addressed the group and talked about the great cooperation and partnership the Corps experienced on this project.

The total construction cost for the New Ellenton Barricade project is about \$1.96 million; and, coupled with the \$1.69 million construction cost

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The barricade replacement projects are part of a series of on-going safeguards and security upgrades that DOE is accomplishing at SRS as part of Department of Homeland Security national security initiatives in response to the events of September 11, 2001.

*“Through the two facilities pass essentially the major portion of the workforce of the SRS and both represent DOE’s strong commitment to high quality site safety and security for their workforce and the mission of the SRS,” said Matt Laws.*

The completion of the New Ellenton Barricade and Jackson Barricade projects represents a successful partnered response between DOE, WSI, USACE, and Anthony and Gordon Construction Company to support the priority placed on security at SRS.

As with the Jackson Barricade Replacement project, the New Ellenton Barricade Replacement project was completed on time and within budget, with no lost-time accidents reported during the construction period.



*The New Ellenton Barricade Team cuts the ribbon and opens the Barricade for business. From left to right: Marcia Delmore, WSI Oversight for DOE; Lawrence Tam, DOE Lead Project Manager; LTC Fleming, Commander, Charleston District; Gary McAlister, On-Site Construction Representative, Charleston District; Ron Bartholomew, DOE Manager, Safeguards and Security Branch; Jeff Allison, DOE – SRS Site Manager; Bud Isom, Vice President, WSI; Mark Bolton, WSI Director of Security & Infrastructure; Lawrence Williams, WSI Security Force Representative; Erskine Wood, Quality Control Chief and Safety Officer for Anthony and Gordon Construction Company; Steve Fraser, WSI Project Manager.*

## WATER RESOURCES WORKSHOP

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audience to all state and local governments,” Stein said.

“The agenda drew excellent reviews and we look to continue this workshop in the future while hoping to increase audience participation to insure all communities in the state have an opportunity to learn how the state and federal governments can assist in their water resources needs,” Stein said.

Approximately 100 people attended the first day’s sessions. In addition to comments from LTC Ed Fleming, Commander, Charleston District, the attendees heard from John Frampton, Director of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

There were several panel discussions including one where representatives from local government discussed what they thought the major issues regarding water are in the state today. Another panel focused on the Corps’ mission and structure and ways the organization can assist local and state agencies and individuals.

The session ended with a session titled, “The Road Ahead – SC Water Resource Possibilities,” which featured speakers from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, The Palmetto Institute, DHEC, the U.S. Geological Society, the University of South Carolina and Applied Technology and Management.

The second day of the workshop drew an audience of 80 people. Presentations included overviews of the Federal and State regulatory

programs and discussions on information/data exchange throughout the state.

There were also panels on nationwide permits, transportation issues and flood plain issues

“The workshop was a great success,” said LTC Ed Fleming, District Commander. “Because of the hard work of great people in the Charleston District we were able to meet all of our objectives and posture ourselves for other workshops in the future.”

Further information on the workshop, including presentation materials, is available on the Charleston District website at: [www.sac.usace.army.mil/scwater](http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/scwater)