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**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RELEASE OF THE  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS  
FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LEFT EMBANKMENT REPAIR  
EMMETT SANDERS LOCK AND DAM #4**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, hereby informs the public of the release of the Left Embankment Repair (LER) and associated works at Emmett Sanders Lock and Dam #4 (ESLD) draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). A 30-day public comment period will begin on May 14, 2025. The draft documents including instructions on how to submit comments, will be made available May 14, 2025 at the following Little Rock District website.

<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Emmett-Sanders-Embankment-Repair/>

The draft EA for the proposed ESLD-LER evaluated potential impacts resulting from implementation of the Proposed Action to increase protection and resilience of the left embankment of the ESLD from erosion and scouring during future flood events. Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, the EA also evaluated anticipated impacts from a No Action alternative.

The repairs would consist of the removal of existing emergency repair materials and the placement of a new engineered soil composition and rip rap to prevent erosion during flood events. To accommodate this new material, the left embankment toe/heel locations would be readjusted, which will require the removal of up to 1.6 acres of bottomland hardwood forest (BHF). Mitigation for the loss of 1.6 acres of BHF would occur via planting and maintaining up to 1.75 acres of fallow field, converting it to BHF within the Sheppard Island Public Use Area. The associated work would consist of building an access road on the left embankment crown, as well as navigation pass through it. The access road is needed to allow repair and emergency vehicles access to the left embankment armoring on the Arkansas River. The navigation pass is needed to facilitate the safe of passage of emergency vessels through the embankment during flood conditions.

Comments, suggestions, and questions on the proposed repairs and additions can be mailed to the attention Paul Brown - Project Manager, 4305 Charles Wooden Rd, Pine Bluff Arkansas, 71601, or emailed to: [CESWL-EmmettSandersEmbankmentRepair@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-EmmettSandersEmbankmentRepair@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

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