Improving Regional Resilience: Bringing It All Together

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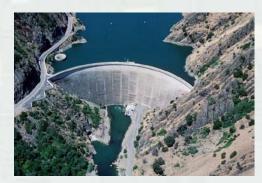


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Dams as Critical Infrastructure

- Dams Sector encompasses not only "conventional" dams but also locks (and navigation dams), levees (flood protection systems), hydropower facilities, mine tailings, and other water retention or control structures.
- DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection designated as Sector-Specific Agency.



Dams...



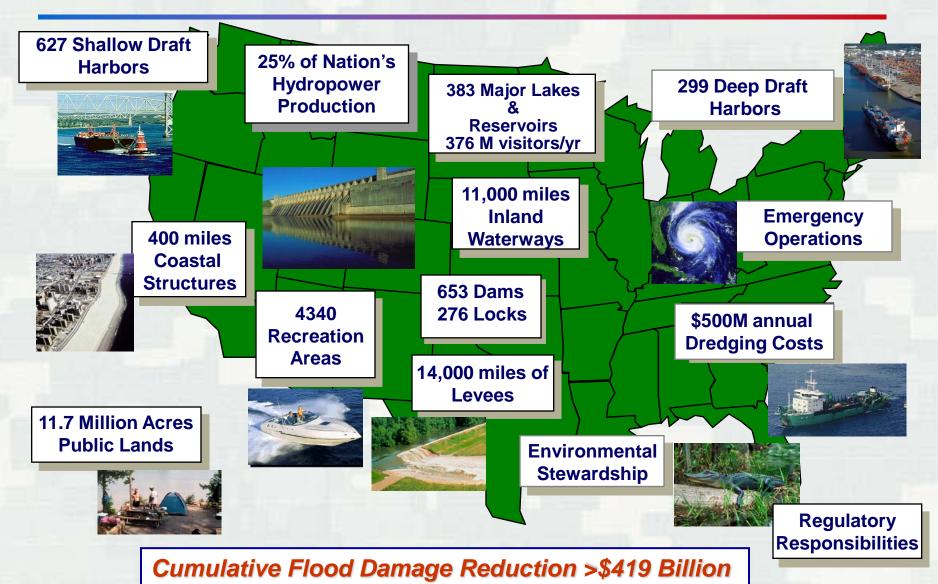
Locks...



... and Levees



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as Dams Sector Stakeholder



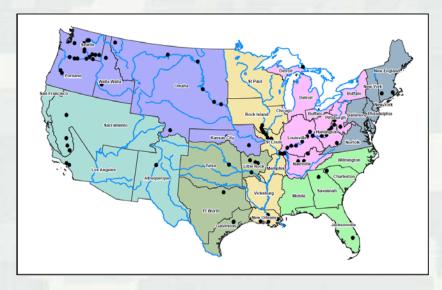
USACE Critical Infrastructure Protection& Resilience (CIPR) Program

Program Goal:

Improve protection, resilience, and lifecycle investment in critical infrastructure.

Program Vision:

Achieve a more secure and more resilient civil works critical infrastructure by enhancing its protection in order to prevent, deter, or mitigate the effects of manmade incidents and improve preparedness, response, and rapid recovery in the event of an attack, natural disaster, and other emergencies.



Integrated Approach:

- Portfolio-Centric
- System/Regional Focus
- All Hazards Coordination



Challenge: A Complex Risk Profile

- Driven by multiple sources:
 - Natural hazards
 - Structural deficiencies
 - Aging
 - Accidents
 - Malfunctions
 - Deliberate aggressor actions



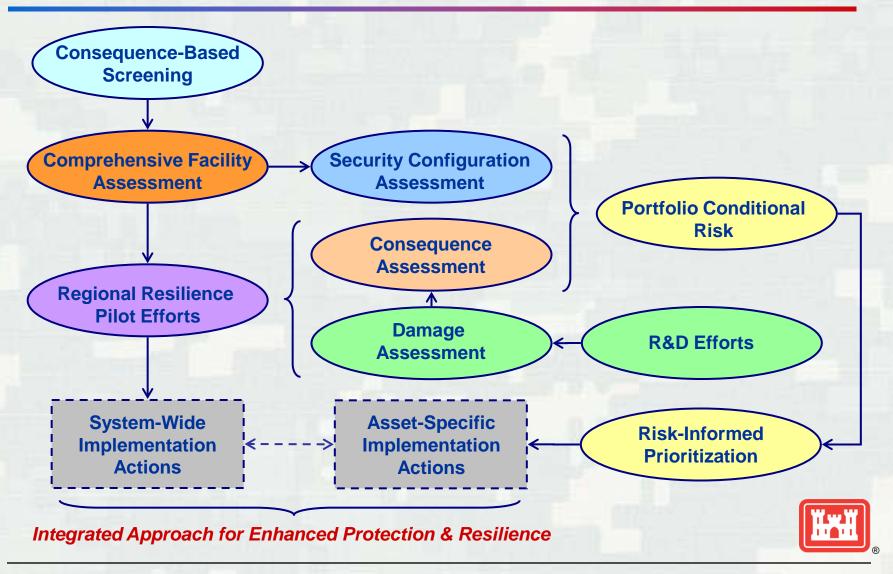




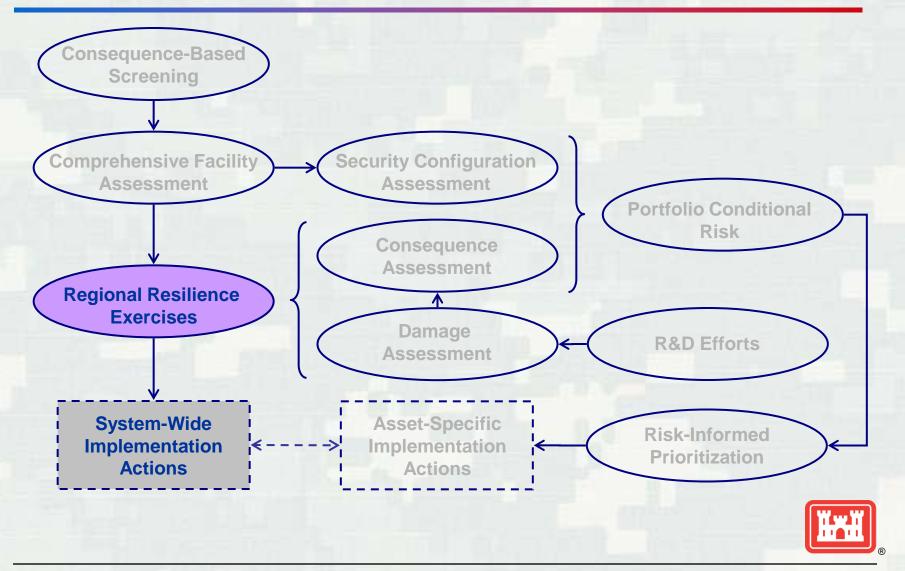




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Regional Resilience Efforts: Dams Sector Exercise Series (DSES)

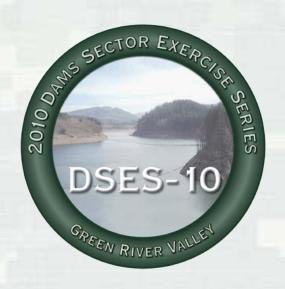
- Collaborative process to identify, analyze, assess, and enhance regional preparedness and disaster resilience involving a wide array of public & private stakeholders.
- For a given region, a particular scenario serves as the triggering event to analyze impacts, disruptions, critical infrastructure interdependencies, and stakeholder roles and responsibilities.
- Three major regional efforts conducted to date:
 - Bagnell/Truman Dams (DSES-08)
 - Columbia River Basin (DSES-09)
 - Green River Valley (DSES-10)



2010 Dams Sector Exercise Series – Green River Valley (DSES-10)

Goals:

- Understand potential impacts associated with significant flooding events along the Green River Valley (State of Washington).
- Identify and prioritize critical infrastructure dependencies and interdependencies.
- Assist public/private stakeholders in improving recovery strategies and business continuity plans.



DSES-10 Approach

- Implemented through a series of discussion-based activities (meetings, seminars, workshops, etc), complemented by data gathering and analysis efforts.
- A systematic process is followed to consolidate findings, and support a framework to inform future resource requirements and investment justifications.
- Comprised of 3 major areas:
 - 1) Regional Baseline Assessment
 - 2) Regional Consequence Assessment
 - 3) Regional Resilience Strategy



DSES-10 Initial Planning Workshop

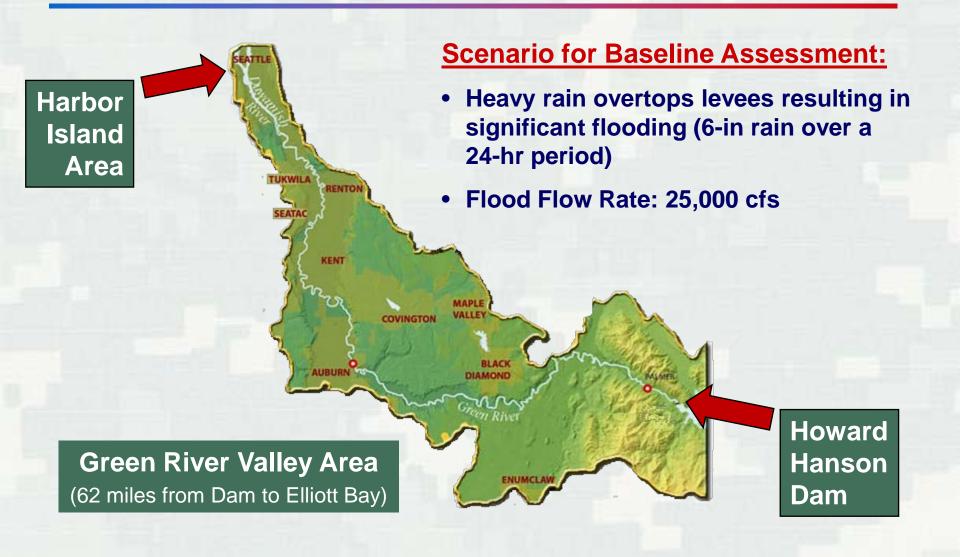
- Conducted on April 28, 2010 in Seattle, WA.
- Served as an effective forum to discuss the multiple aspects of the DSES-10 effort.
- Over 151 participants, including 114 Federal, State, and local government representatives, 27 private stakeholders, and 10 representatives from nonprofit organizations.



DSES-10 Triggering Event:
A significant flooding scenario
affecting the King County
communities of Auburn, Kent,
Renton, and Tukwila.



Scenario and Geographic Scope



1) Regional Baseline Assessment

- Consolidate regional baseline information.
 - Economic structure, industrial development, social landscape.
 - Potential disruption scenarios.
- Identify current public and private capabilities.
 - Preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.
- Identify information sharing and collaboration mechanisms used during disaster lifecycle.
- Assess infrastructure interdependencies.





Data Collection Process

Leverage from previous studies and regional workshops.

 Conduct "open source" data collection and literature search.

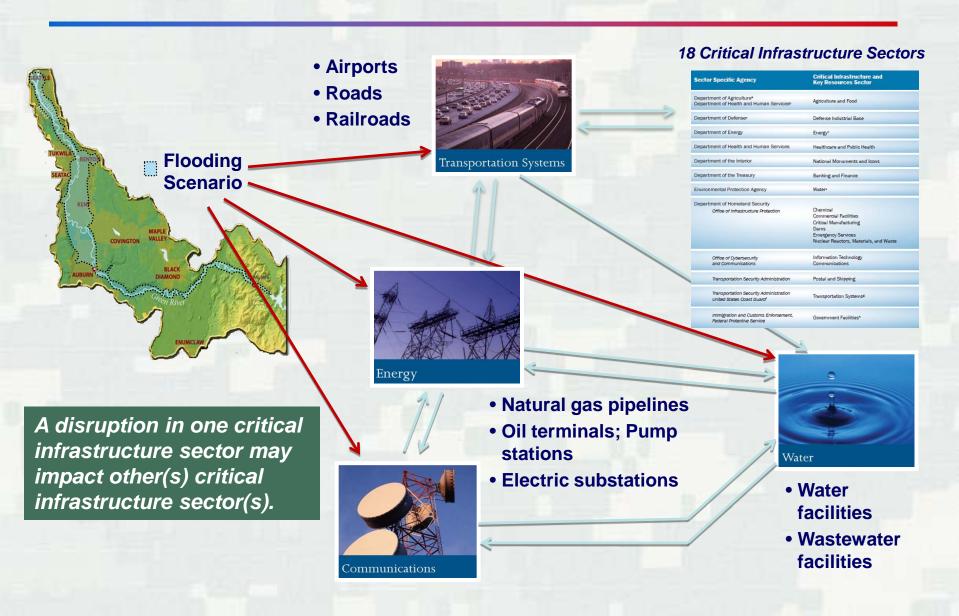
 Interview process with public/private stakeholders.

> State and local

- Private owners
- Non-profit organizations



Cross-Sector Interdependencies



DSES-10 Regional Baseline Assessment Workshop

- Conducted on June 30, 2010 in Seattle, WA.
- Served as a working session to review and evaluate ongoing regional baseline assessment, discuss preliminary findings, and gather active feedback and recommendations from regional stakeholders.
- Over 65 participants from Green River Valley public and private stakeholders.





2) Regional Consequence Assessment

 Estimate extent of regional direct and indirect consequences associated with significant flood events.

 Refine existing models and procedures to assess regional short-term and long-term impacts associated with

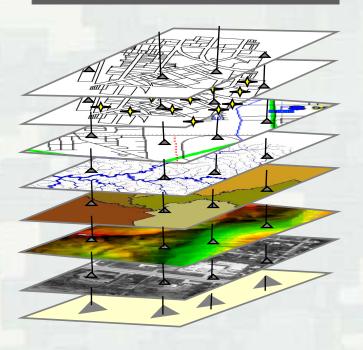
significant disruption scenarios.

 Conduct scenario-specific identification of critical infrastructure dependencies and interdependencies.



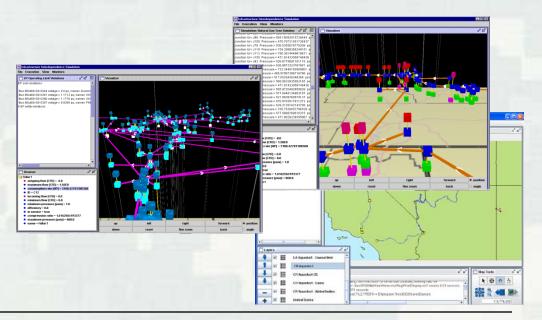
Modeling of Secondary Impacts

Critical Infrastructure Interdependencies



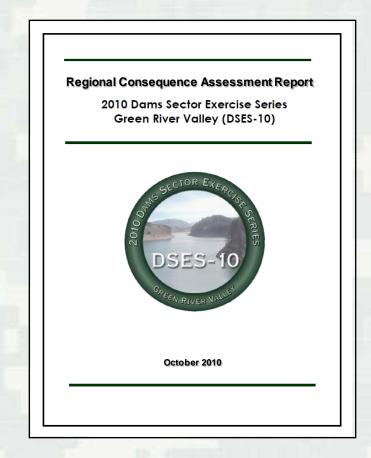
Infrastructure Models:

- **Electric Power**
- Natural Gas/Crude Oil
- > Telecommunications
- > Water
- Healthcare/Public Health



DSES-10 Regional Consequence Assessment Workshop

- Scheduled for October 21, 2010 in Seattle, WA.
- Working session to review and discuss regional consequence assessment preliminary findings, and gather feedback and recommendations from regional stakeholders.
- Participants will include Green River Valley public and private stakeholders.





3) Regional Resilience Strategy

- Assist public and private stakeholders in jointly enhancing regional resilience.
- Support identification of integrated post-disaster recovery solutions and prioritize recommended short-term and long-term actions to improve regional disaster resilience.
- Identify regional strategy implementation mechanisms and support strategic flood risk reduction efforts and other interagency initiatives.



Towards and Integrated Outcome

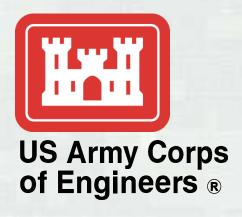
DSES-10

Regional
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Assessment

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Regional Resilience Strategy





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