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## U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers Assessing Dike Failure

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CHARLESTON, S.C. --- Officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are onsite assessing the situation after a dike on a dredge disposal site on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW) failed Saturday afternoon.

“We have performed hydrographic surveys of the waterway and are currently investigating the situation,” said Corps spokesperson, Alicia Gregory. “It would be unwise for us to try to speculate on the cause of the failure at this time.”

Corps personnel have been coordinating closely with the U.S. Coast Guard and the prime construction contractor, Global Construction out of Kinston, North Carolina, concerning the current blockage of the waterway.

About 1,300 linear feet on the AIWW near the site, which is approximately five miles north of the U.S. 501 Bridge, has a controlling depth of five feet due to approximately 20,000 cubic yards of dredged material in channel.

Global’s onsite dredging subcontractor, Allstate Environmental Dredging out of Snead Ferry, N.C., has started dredging the area this afternoon placing material in another dredge disposal area approximately one mile south of the original site. The subcontractor removed the pipes, concrete and steel that were in the waterway on Sunday morning.

“Barring any unforeseen circumstances, they should have cleared a channel of about 700 linear ft. by 70 ft. wide to approximately 10 ft. deep for navigation within the week,” said Gregory. “We are asking boaters to please use caution until we have completed this channel.”