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Falls Dam holds down the high water mark for downstream communities

WILMINGTON, North Carolina—Terry Brown, Water Control Manager for the Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, announced this morning that releases would continue to be held to a minimum through Saturday, September 19th. "Falls Dam has been doing a great job of holding back upstream flood waters produced by rains from Hurricane Floyd," Brown said. "Inflows to the reservoir peaked at 60,000 cubic feet per second early on Thursday the 16th. As of Friday afternoon, inflows had already dropped back to about 20,000 cubic feet per second. We anticipate that the Falls Reservoir will peak near the 260-foot level early on Sunday, the 20th of September. Brown emphasized that while the Falls Reservoir was keeping excess water out of the downstream watershed, flood waters generated below the dam would continue to work its way through the watershed over the next few days. For current information on elevations and releases, and for real-time river and flow data, refer to the Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers home page at URL www.saw.usace.army.mil and choose the "more links" button on the home page to see water levels.