



**J. Percy Priest IVM and Ecosystem Management Workshop
October 15, 2009**

- 8:30 AM *Wake-up reception with coffee and donuts*
Department of the Army
Nashville District, Corp of Engineers
Regulator Building and Conference Center
J. Percy Priest Lake
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37214
- 9:00 **Welcome and review Army Corp mission and natural resource management**
 - *Courtney Wilson, Army Corp of Engineers*
Utility Perspective
 - *Cheryl Thrift, Columbia Gulf (NiSource)*
 - *Claude Lewis, Tennessee Valley Authority*
IVM and Ecosystem Management Programs
 - *Rick Johnstone, IVM Partners, Inc.*
- 10:30 **Ultra low volume herbicide application equipment demonstration and use**
of returnable/refillable containers at mowed Columbia Gulf Natural Gas
ROW near Smith Springs Recreation Area
3060 Smith Springs Rd, Antioch, TN 37013
 - *Townsend Corporation, EcoPak, Waldrum Specialties*
- 12:00 **Board boats at Smith Springs Recreation Area boat ramp for box lunch and**
tour of Columbia Gulf Natural Gas ROW on Pig Island
 - Review vegetation conditions to meet access, testing and inspection
 needs
 - Observe vegetation at botanical study sites
- Boat tour of vegetation conditions at lake crossings of TVA electric**
transmission ROW
 - Discuss vegetation clearance necessary to meet NERC FAC-003-1
 regulations for preventing power interruptions to national electric grid
- 2:00 **Wrap-up discussion at boat ramp, Q&A**
 - Discuss aesthetic and wildlife habitat needs of a recreational
 hydroelectric reservoir and the need for invasive weed control
 - Review best IVM practices to meet primary objectives of electric and
 gas ROW while meeting secondary objectives of habitat & aesthetics
 - Discuss partnership opportunities in other districts
- 3:00 **Adjourn**