

Lake levels' economic impact to be studied

Clemson institute to look at counties around Hartwell

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CLEMSON — The Army Corps of Engineers and six counties on Lake Hartwell have entered an agreement to fund a year-long study of how lake levels impact the economy.

Counties include Pickens, Anderson and Oconee in South Carolina.

The agreement was signed Tuesday by the Savannah District commander, Col. Edward J. Kertis, the corps announced.

The study, to be conducted by Clemson University's Strom Thurmond Institute, will begin in about two months and will determine economic changes within the six counties in relation to changes in reservoir levels, according to the announcement.

The \$211,522 cost will be shared equally by the group of counties and the federal government under the Planning Assistance to States program.

The study will be made public after an approximate two-month review and approval process and will be available in county offices and online through the Savannah District home page.