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Voith Hydro Wins Major U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Contract

York, Pennsylvania based company will equip the Norfork Dam in north central Arkansas with latest technology to improve downstream water quality

YORK, Pa. (Nov. 2, 2022) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) awarded Voith Hydro a nearly \$50 million contract to modernize the turbines and generators at the Norfork Dam in Baxter County, Arkansas. The work is expected to begin soon and projected to last through 2028. Originally completed in 1944, the Norfork Dam powerhouse features two turbine/generator units each with 31.3 MW of generating capacity that were originally manufactured in the 1940's in York, Pa. Upon completion, each unit could generate up to 46.5 MW. Most importantly, the water quality below the dam will be improved thanks to Voith Hydro's proven dissolved oxygen enhancement technology that has been improving aquatic habitats downstream of dams for over 25 years.

Voith Hydro is a full-line supplier of hydropower equipment and services including project planning and execution, manufacturing, electrical and mechanical engineering, outage management, modernization, and aftermarket business and services. Its York, Pa. manufacturing heritage traces back to 1877, when Stephen Morgan Smith began designing and producing hydraulic turbines.

"Voith Hydro's U.S.-based workforce is excited to give new life to an iconic dam in the heart of the Ozarks," said Stanley Kocon, President and CEO of Voith Hydro Inc. "We thank the Army Corps of Engineers for the contract award, which recognizes Voith Hydro's unparalleled technology and know-how in both hydropower modernization and environmental performance. Voith Hydro is proud to design and manufacture this equipment right here in the U.S. – equipment that will provide clean and renewable electricity for the people and businesses across Arkansas and the Ozarks region."

Kocon has long been a champion of "Buy American" provisions that require the federal government to consider the full economic impact of domestic manufacturing in its procurement decisions. Kocon [outlined his support for Buy American policies in an op ed](#) published last year in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

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Photo Caption: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) awarded Voith Hydro a nearly \$50 million contract to modernize the turbines and generators at the Norfork Dam in Baxter County, Arkansas.

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