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Renovation of Kentucky River Lock & Dam #8 Ahead of Schedule

The work is “...moving right along,” said Jerry Graves, executive director of the Kentucky River Authority, the state agency that maintains the Kentucky River’s locks and dams. “They’re ahead of schedule right now, and I’m very pleased.”

The praise is surrounding work Aquarius Marine, LLC (AML), a wholly owned subsidiary of C.J. Mahan Construction Company, LLC, is doing on Lock & Dam #8 on the Kentucky River. Work began on the 113-year-old dam that holds water supplies for Nicholasville and Lancaster, Kentucky in June and should be finished by June 2015. The existing “timber crib” dam has historically always leaked, however the new dam AML is constructing will put an end to it, stabilizing the county’s water supply. The new dam will consist of a row of three sheetpile cells, each 56 feet in diameter and filled with concrete. The first continuous concrete pour was completed on October 19, 2013 in just under 36 hours and consisted of the placement of 2,872 cubic yards of concrete, produced at an on-site batch plant set-up solely for this project. Public Utilities Director for Nicholasville adds that conditions of the Kentucky Lock system “...are going to be in the best shape they’ve been in decades and decades when we get this new dam 8 put in because we’ll have all those leaks stopped.”

