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This Wednesday @ 10:30: Media Briefing on Great Flood of 1913: One Hundred Years Later

The Great Flood of 1913 caused cataclysmic flooding in more than a dozen states from Indiana to Connecticut. It was the worst flood disaster in U.S. history at the time, directly affecting a quarter of the nation's population and devastating the national economy. Hardest hit were Ohio and Indiana, home to the largest producers of steel manufacturing, railroads, coal and natural gas at the turn of the 20th century.

A series of storms hit the region between March 23 and March 27, 1913, leading to the floods. The flood was a catalyst that prompted the nation to begin investing in flood control technology and developing better flood forecasting tools. Much of the flood prevention and education the U.S. relies on today can be traced to investments made after the Great Flood of 1913.

WHAT: Webinar for reporters on the Great Flood of 1913; 100-year commemoration
Note: National Flood Safety Awareness Week runs March 18-22, 2013

WHEN: Wednesday, March 13, 2013
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (EDT)

WHERE: Access to the briefing is both by Webinar and Audio dial-in
Space for the Webinar is limited. Reserve a spot now at:
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/749978626>

Audio dial-in: 203-607-5197; Participant code: 381408#

WHO: Sarah Jamison, senior service hydrologist, National Weather Service in Cleveland

Sarah is offering this media briefing as part of National Flood Safety Awareness Week, which runs March 18-22, on behalf of the Silver Jackets. The Silver Jackets is a multi-agency collaboration between local, state and federal agencies to improve flood science and reduce the public's vulnerability to flooding.

NOTE: Sarah is available for follow-up interviews. Contact Susan Buchanan at susan.buchanan@noaa.gov or 301-713-0622 x121 to book an interview.

More Information:

Great Flood of 1913: http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/1913Flood/storms_wx/storms.shtml

Silver Jackets: <http://www.nfrmp.us/state>

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