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Mississippi River Commission schedules Louisiana leg of high-water inspection

Public meeting in New Orleans, Friday, April 11

NEW ORLEANS – The Mississippi River Commission will conduct its annual high-water public meeting in New Orleans on Friday, April 11, at the Corps of Engineers' Dock, Foot of Prytania Street, starting at 9:00 a.m.

This will be the last of four public meetings aboard the M/V Mississippi in communities along the Mississippi River. The high-water inspection trip began April 7 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Local citizens are given the opportunity to meet and address their views to members of the Commission.

Friday's public meeting agenda:

1. Brig. Gen. Don T. Riley, president of the Commission and division engineer, Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will present a summary of national and regional issues.
2. Col. Peter J. Rowan, district engineer of the Corps' New Orleans District, will make a State of the District Report.
3. Members of the public, including representatives of local organizations, will make presentations or comments on issues pertaining to flood control projects affecting the water resource infrastructure needs in the valley. The Commission encourages views and opinions on other water-related issues such as marine transportation, flooding impacts, environmental benefits, water and sewage infrastructure and emergency response to natural disasters.

The Mississippi River Commission, organized in 1879, has seven members, nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, who are:

- v Brig. Gen. Don T. Riley, Vicksburg, Miss.
- v Sam E. Angel, planter, Lake Village, Ark.
- v R.D. James, civil engineer, New Madrid, Mo.
- v William Clifford Smith, civil engineer, Houma
- v Brig. Gen. Steven R. Hawkins, U.S. Army, Cincinnati, Ohio
- v Brig. Gen. David A. Fastabend, U.S. Army, Portland, Ore.
- v Rear Adm. Nicholas A. Prahl, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Norfolk, Va.
- v Col. Richard B. Jenkins (secretary, non-voting), Vicksburg, Miss.

The duties of the Commission include the entire length of the Mississippi River from its headwaters to Head of Passes. The Commission focuses on policy recommendations and work programs, the study of and reporting upon the necessity for modifications or additions to the Mississippi River & Tributaries Project (authorized in 1928), recommendations upon any matters authorized by law, and making inspection trips.

The Commission usually inspects the river and holds public hearings twice each year, in the spring during high water, and in summer during low water.