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## **Corps hosts Change of Command Ceremony**

Col. Peter J. Rowan will become the 57<sup>th</sup> district engineer of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, assuming command from Col. Thomas Julich, during a formal military change of command ceremony.

**Date.** Friday, July 12, 2002

**Time.** 10 a.m. Ceremony should last about one hour.

**Location.** In front of the headquarters building, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans (Headquarters is situated on the levee about two blocks downriver from where St. Charles and Carrollton avenues intersect with River Road.)

**Key photo event.** Passing of the flag to Col. Rowan, symbolizing command of the New Orleans District.

Rowan will be responsible for water resource development in the 30,000 square miles of coastal and southern Louisiana that make up the New Orleans District. The district has a \$1 billion plus impact in south Louisiana, more than any other federal agency (civil or military) in the area. Projects under his jurisdiction consist of: more than 2,800 miles of navigable waterways, including the Mississippi River ship channel from Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico; the Mississippi River and Tributaries Flood Control Project – Old River Control Complex, Bonnet Carré Spillway, Atchafalaya Basin, and 961 miles of levee and floodwalls along the Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers; five hurricane protection projects; and the Southeastern Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project in Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany parishes. The colonel will also serve as chairman of a federal-state task force restoring wetlands under the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act.