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Mississippi River Commission schedules Louisiana leg of high-water inspection

NEW ORLEANS – Members of the Mississippi River Commission will conduct their annual high water public meeting in New Orleans on Friday, April 6, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held aboard the Motor Vessel Mississippi, docked at the Poydras Street/Julia Street Wharf.

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 2 in Caruthersville, Mo. Local citizens are given the opportunity to meet and directly address their views to members of the Commission.

Friday's agenda:

1. Brig. Gen. Edwin J. Arnold, Jr., president of the Commission and division engineer of the Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will present a summary of national and regional issues affecting the Corps of Engineers and Commission programs and projects on the Mississippi River and its tributaries.
2. Col. Thomas F. Julich, 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, 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.

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Add 1 – MRC Low Water Trip

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

- * Brig. Gen. Edwin J. Arnold, Jr., Vicksburg, Miss.
- * Sam E. Angel, planter, Lake Village, Ark.
- * R.D. James, civil engineer, New Madrid, Mo.
- * William Clifford Smith, civil engineer, Houma
- * Brig. Gen. Robert H. Griffin, U.S. Army, Cincinnati, Ohio
- * Brig. Gen. Carl A. Strock, U.S. Army, Portland, Ore.
- * Rear Adm. Nicholas A. Prael, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Norfolk, Va.
- * Col. Frederick L. Clapp Jr. (secretary, non-voting), U.S. Army, 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 late summer during low water.

Note to Editors: Reporters are invited to take the MRC trip boarding the M/V Mississippi in Baton Rouge at the River Road City Dock, Mile 230, on Thursday, April 5. The boat departs the dock at 9 am and arrives in Donaldsonville at 2 pm. For more information, call Julie Morgan, 504-862-2201.

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