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Corps of Engineers to Hold Meeting on Len Small Levee in Tamms, Ill.

St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 5, 2003 – The St. Louis District and Memphis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a public “scoping” meeting March 18 in Tamms, Ill. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss a study on flood control and receive input from the public. The area being studied is the Len Small Levee and Horseshoe Lake Wildlife Management Area along the Mississippi River between river miles 21 and 34 above the confluence of the Ohio River. The study will also investigate opportunities for ecosystem restoration.

Scoping meetings help study managers and planners identify significant issues related to a project’s proposed plan of action. They also assist them in formulating alternatives that address environmental and social issues of concern. The meetings encourage federal, state and local government agency participation, as well as participation from other interested individuals and groups. The Project Study Team will use the findings from the meeting in plan formulation and in preparing environmental documentation pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

Two preliminary alternatives have been identified for the purpose of the present study:

Horseshoe Lake Alternative – This alternative consists of constructing a floodway into Horseshoe Lake on the upstream and downstream sides of the Mississippi River.

Dogtooth Peninsula Floodway Alternative – A floodway would be constructed across the upper

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portion of Dogtooth Peninsula. The upstream side of the floodway would have a non-controlled structure so that flow would enter the floodway as the Mississippi River rises. The downstream end would be open to receive backwater from the Mississippi River due to elevations of the Ohio River.

The scoping meeting will begin at 6 p.m., March 18 at the Egyptian Community School, Tamms Road, Tamms, Ill., in the gymnasium or the cafeteria.

To obtain additional information or to submit comments on this notice, please contact Tim Caldwell at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1222 Spruce St., St. Louis, Mo., 63103, or phone (314) 331-8149.