



# Melvin Price Locks and Dam

## Mississippi River, IL & MO

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### AUTHORIZATION:

The main lock and dam were authorized by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, Title I – Replacement of Locks and Dam 26; Other project features were authorized by Water Resources Development Acts (WRDAs) of 1986, 1990, 1992, and 1996; and the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2001, PL 106-554.



### Location and Description:

Melvin Price Locks and Dam is located in Madison County, Illinois, and St. Charles County, Missouri, at approximately mile 200.8 above the mouth of the Ohio River. The project includes one 1,200-foot lock; one 600-foot lock (authorized separately); a dam with nine tainter gates; an overflow dike; removal of most of the original structure; relocation/abandonment of the Burlington Northern Railroad bridge; and a visitor center. Mitigation lands were provided to compensate for wildlife losses due to creation of a new pool for the two-mile distance downstream of the original structure. Several “punch list” items at the locks and dam continue to be constructed. Recreation facilities continue to be cost-shared with the City of Alton, Illinois, consistent with applicable authorizations.

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