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Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Regulating Works on the Middle Mississippi River

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the Middle Mississippi

- USACE St. Louis District manages 300 miles of the Mississippi River, which includes the 195 mile long Middle Mississippi River (MMR), between the confluence of the Missouri and Ohio Rivers.
- To maintain the Congressionally-mandated nine-foot navigation channel, USACE St. Louis District uses a combination of locks and dams, dredging, revetments, and River Training Structures.
- The Corps continues to provide a safe and dependable navigation channel in an environmentally sustainable manner.

What is a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for all major federal actions likely to have a significant impact on the environment. Environmental Impact Statements provide decision-makers with a clear understanding of the impacts to the environment that the proposed action will likely have. If, during execution of the project, there are significant changes or if significant new information or circumstances that are relevant to the environmental impacts of the action are found, a supplement to the draft or final EIS must be prepared. This is a Supplemental EIS, or SEIS.

Final Environmental Statement, Mississippi River between the Ohio and Missouri Rivers, Regulating Works (1976 EIS)

- Final Report completed in April, 1976
- Actions covered include the use of river training structures, bankline revetments, dredging, the Chain of Rocks Canal and Locks (Locks 27), and the Low Water Dam (Dam No. 27).
- USACE St. Louis District initiated NEPA efforts in January, 2012 that led to a "hard look" at the 1976 EIS.
- USACE considered all information and stakeholder comments, leading to a conclusion that a supplement to the 1976 EIS was appropriate.

SEIS Schedule

Public Scoping Meetings	Jan, 2014
Draft SEIS	Oct, 2015
Final SEIS	Oct, 2016

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Information on the Regulating Works on the MMR:
www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/SEIS.aspx

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