Location: The project is located on the right bank of the Mississippi River and is predominately in Perry County, Missouri, but has a small part in Randolph County, Illinois. The existing project consists of 33.1 miles of levee, 341 relief wells, and 4 pump stations.

Description: The main deficiencies in the project are underseepage and inadequate levee grade (2 to 4 feet below net levee grade) along sections of the back levee. Until these are corrected, the levee is at an increased risk of failure during a flood at net levee grade. The deficiency correction project will provide additional underseepage control measures in the form of 297 relief wells, seepage berms, and a seepage cutoff trench; ditching and culvert improvements; three additional pump stations; and restoring the elevation of some parts of the back levee. One hundred fifteen relief wells have been constructed to date.

Issues: The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2002 provided directive language to undertake design deficiency repairs and cost sharing consistent with the original project authorization. Construction is 100 percent Federal; the sponsor provides lands and relocations. Cost-sharing for the deficiency correction project is inconsistent with Administration policy of 65/35 cost share; therefore, it is unlikely that the Administration will include the project in future presidential budgets. Remaining benefit-remaining cost ratio is 2.7 to 1 at 7 percent.

Importance: The Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District protects approximately 26,000 acres of primarily agricultural land, two industries, the Perryville airport and a highway connecting to the bridge crossing the Mississippi River to Chester, IL.

Risk: No correction of the design deficiencies results in reduced levels of flood protection for the entire District. With the existing underseepage issues, sudden failure of the levee can occur at several locations along the levee at a river stage below net levee grade placing human life, vehicles, building, industrial equipment, livestock and agricultural production at risk.

Consequence: The levee failed due to underseepage prior to the crest of the 1993 flood, flooding the entire levee district with to a depth of 20 feet. Failures due to underseepage can occur very rapidly with little warning.

Activities for FY 15: FY 2015 funds are being used to initiate the design of the Cinque Hommes and Jones Cutoff pump stations, initiate the design of additional relief wells and to continue storage of existing mechanical equipment for the Cinque Hommes and Jones Cutoff pump stations as well as to provide construction oversight of the Missouri Chute ditching/culvert/berm contract.

Acquisition Strategy: No contracts are scheduled for award during FY15.

Amount That Could Be Used in FY 16: FY15 carryover funds will be used to continue storage of existing mechanical equipment for the Cinque Hommes and Jones Cutoff pump stations as well as project management and coordination activities. An amount of $8,500,000 could be used to complete the design and award the construction contracts for the Cinque Hommes and Jones Cutoff pump stations, perform S&A/EDC of these construction activities, and award/initiate construction of relief wells.

Project Sponsor/Customer: Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District.

Congressional Interest: Senate: Blunt (MO) and McCaskill (MO) House: Jason Smith (MO-8)