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St. Louis District

## **Information Paper**

## Mississippi River between the Ohio and Missouri Rivers (Regulating Works)

Rivers and Harbors Acts of 1910, 1927, and 1930.

## **Construction (Navigation)**

**Location:** The project consists of providing a sustainable navigation channel 9 feet deep and not less than 300 feet wide with additional width in bends, from the mouth of the Ohio River to the mouth of the Missouri River, a distance of approximately 195 miles.

**Description**: Project improvements are achieved by means of dikes, revetment, construction dredging, and rock removal.

**Status**: Rock Removal Phase 2 is ongoing with completion of the base and a portion of option 1 of the contract. The rock removal contract will expire on April 1, 2018 and unexecuted funds will be used for Red Rock Landing Phase 4 contract,

**Importance:** The Mississippi River is an artery of commerce critical to the movement of hundreds of millions of tons of essential goods such as corn, grain, coal, petroleum, chemicals, and many other products important to the national economy.

**Risk**: The mitigation model was completed and certified in the first quarter FY18. Based on the mitigation model analysis no mitigation is required at this time and the Regulating Works Project can continue with Red Rock Landing Phase 4 effort.

**Consequence**: Cargo valued at over \$7 billion, including 300 million bushels of agricultural products and 3.8 million tons of coal could experience shipping delays that cause ripple effects and damage local economies up and down the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

Activities for FY 18: Carryover funds are being used to continue with the Rock Removal Phase 2 project, and to provide supervision and administration of existing construction contracts including Grand Tower Phase 5 and Dogtooth Bend Phase 6 dike and revetment contracts.



Rock Removal near Thebes, IL

**Acquisition Strategy:** TBD.

**Activities after FY 18:** Red Rock Landing Phase 4 and Dogtooth Bend Phase 7 construction contract execution. Continue to identify locations to minimize dredging within the Regulating Works Project Area. Capability can be pulled forward into FY18.

**Project Sponsor/Customer:** This project is 100% federally funded. Stakeholders include river navigation industry, State and Federal conservation agencies, and environmental NGOs.

Congressional Interest: Senate: Blunt and McCaskill (MO) and Senators Durbin and Duckworth (IL). House: Bost (IL-12), LaHood, (IL-18), Shimkus (IL-15), Davis (IL-13), Luetkemeyer (MO-3) and Smith (MO-8).

	FY 18	FY 19
Phase	Budget	Budget
Construction	\$0	\$0