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REVISED RIVER FLOOD LEVELS PRESENTED AT OPEN HOUSES

ROCK ISLAND, ILL. – The public is invited to join the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at a series of open houses taking place in eight locations along the Mississippi, Missouri, and Illinois Rivers.

Participants will learn about and discuss the findings of the Upper Mississippi, Lower Missouri, and Illinois Rivers System Flow Frequency Study. The Study, initiated in October 1997, partnered the Corps with state and federal agencies to develop revised flow frequencies for the main-stem Upper Mississippi, Lower Missouri, and Illinois Rivers.

Study findings will be provided to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for possible updating of the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Public comments received at the open houses will be summarized on the study's website and will become part of the final report. The final report will be published in June 2003.

The open houses take place at the following dates and locations:

May 6

St. Louis, Mo.

Spazio Banquet and Conference Center in Westport
12031 Lackland Rd.

May 7

Kansas City, Mo.

Hyatt Regency Crown Center, 2345 McGee St.

May 8

Omaha, Neb.

Holiday Inn Omaha-Central-I-80, 3321 South 72nd St.

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May 19

Quincy, Ill.

Holiday Inn Quincy, 201 South 3rd St.

May 20

Peoria, Ill.

Holiday Inn City Centre, 500 Hamilton Blvd.

May 21

Davenport, Iowa

Holiday Inn, 5202 Brady St.

May 22

La Crosse, Wis.

La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza

May 28

St. Paul, Minn.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Conference Rooms 5A and 5B, 190 5th St. E.

Open houses take place from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each session begins and ends informally where attendees can come and go, visit displays, meet with study personnel, and ask questions on a one-on-one basis. Displays include maps of the study area, new draft river profiles (the profiles will not be considered final until the report is released in June), and cross-section information. A formal presentation describing the study and its findings will take place at 2 and 6:30 p.m., followed by general questions and answers.

Only one open house will take place on May 28, in St. Paul, Minn., from 1 to 4 p.m., with the formal presentation at 2 p.m. The format will be identical to the other sessions. The open house is located in the Corps' office building in downtown St. Paul. Building security requires attendees to be escorted from the 2nd to the 5th floor. Signs at all publicly accessible elevators will direct attendees to gather on the 2nd floor where they will be escorted to the meeting.

For more information, please visit the Flow Frequency website at

www.mvr.usace.army.mil/pdw/pdf/FlowFrequency/flowfreq.htm or call Andrew Leichthy at 309-794-5399 or e-mail him at Andrew.L.Leichthy@usace.army.mil.

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