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Corps of Engineers to host public meeting for the Schenimann Chute Side Channel Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project (HREP)

St. Louis, Mo., July 1, 2003 -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District and the Missouri Department of Conservation will conduct a public meeting for the Schenimann Chute Side Channel Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project (HREP).

The meeting will take place Thursday, July 24, 2003, with sessions from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00p.m. It will be held at the Missouri Department of Conservation SE Regional Headquarters, located at 2302 County Park Drive, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 63701.

The afternoon session will provide a public workshop for interested individuals and groups to gain information and to discuss ideas with project personnel. The evening session will include a formal presentation about the project and a period of comments and questions.

This will be an informational meeting to allow any agency, organization, or individual to acquire more information on Schenimann Chute Habitat Restoration Enhancement Project's Planning, Design, and Analysis (PDA) report and to learn about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) program, of which this project is a part. A copy of the public notice is available at: www.mvs.usace.army.mil/permits/pn/p-2362.pdf. The public notice comment period has been extended until July 31, 2003.

The Schenimann Chute HREP project is designed to improve aquatic side channel habitat in the open river section of the Mississippi River from the confluence of the Ohio River northward to St. Louis, Mo. Main project features include: dredging the lower end of the side channel, notching dikes in the side channel, placing hard point dikes in the side channel to modify flow and deposition patterns, protecting banks, and construction of chevron structures to allow for depositing dredge material south of the side channel. There are no anticipated land requirements for this project and all work will be performed within the Mississippi River's bank lines.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide their comments and concerns in writing. These may be submitted the day of the public meeting, or mailed to the St. Louis District Office by July 31, 2003. Comment letters and requests for information regarding this project should be directed to Mr. Mike Thompson, Project Manager, Planning, Programs, and Project Management

Division, at: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103 or by e-mail to Mike.A.Thompson@mvs02.usace.army.mil.

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Note: We have attempted to send this information to all agencies, private organizations and individuals with a direct interest in the proposed project. If you know of individuals with an interest that have not been contacted by us, please bring this invitation and its contents to their attention.

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Editors note: These sessions are open to the public, including the media. Interviews with Mr. Thompson or other members of the project team may be arranged the day of the meeting or can be requested and conducted in advance by phone through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Affairs Office at (314) 331-8002, 8168 or 8095.