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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Holds Public Meeting in Clarksville

St. Louis, Mo. –The St. Louis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is conducting a public meeting at the Clarksville Community Center, Wednesday, November 5, 2003 at 7 p.m. Corps representatives will meet with local residents to discuss future plans for Lock and Dam 24 and the status of the Upper Mississippi River – Illinois River Waterway System Navigation Study.

The study, an effort to map out the environmental and navigational needs of the river system for the next 50 years, is nearing completion and public input is being collected on the variety of alternative plans under consideration.

A Draft Feasibility Report with the tentative recommended plan will be distributed for public and stakeholder review in April 2004. An additional series of public meetings will be held across the region in May 2004 to gain final public and stakeholder input into the recommended plan. The Final Feasibility Report will be transmitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Office of Management and Budget and Congress in October 2004.

The public can obtain current status reports, monitor, comment and participate through the study website at: www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/umr-iwwsns. For more information about the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway System Navigation Study, contact the project manager, Denny Lundberg, at (309) 794-5632, or Rock Island District Public Affairs Office at (309) 794-5274.