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## **Corps of Engineers in St. Louis watches the region's rivers, deploys flood fight teams**

The rains that have pounded the upper Midwestern states over the past several days continue to drive higher the National Weather Service's river stage predictions.

The National Weather Service is calling for an additional 1.5-4 inches of rain on the Upper Mississippi and Missouri basins in the next few days, before tapering off to a more normal pattern next week.

As a consequence of these events, Locks 24 and 25 are expecting to be closed on Sunday, June 15 and Monday, June 16, respectively. The Kaskaskia Lock which controls access to the 36 navigable miles of the Kaskaskia River and runs into the Mississippi River south of St. Louis is expecting to close on June 13 or 14. Sand, sandbags and other flood fighting materials have been delivered to the Corps facilities to protect buildings and equipment.

The recent rainfalls on the Missouri River Basin are also drawing attention to projected river levels, where the National Weather Service predicts that the level will drop a couple feet over the next couple days before coming back up two feet.

The St. Louis District Emergency Operations Center remains open to continue to monitor the situation and to be better prepared to take action if that becomes necessary. Along sections of the Mississippi River north of St. Louis, where impacts of tributaries are becoming an additive vice compensating for each other, some stages are predicted to approach record numbers from 1993.

The District also deployed two flood fight teams today to levee districts north of St. Louis. This is in addition to the flood fight engineers who were deployed previously.

To date during the current high water event, the St. Louis District has issued 177,500 sand bags and 45 rolls of sheet plastic to local emergency operations offices to be ready to be used in flood fighting efforts.

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The National Weather Service, US Geological Service and Army Corps of Engineers are cooperating to capture field observations during these events to better refine and calibrate predictive computer models for the future.

The Corps in St. Louis also urges people who live or travel near the rivers to continue to monitor water levels and in particular, not to drive into water covered roads. They should turn back and take longer routes if necessary. There are no short cuts to safety.

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**Note to editors:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Districts are organized along watershed boundaries. Additional information for areas on the Mississippi River upstream of Lock and Dam 22 and, on the Illinois River, upstream of LaGrange Lock and Dam can contact the Rock Island District Public Affairs Office at 309-794-5274.

Based on current river predictions, the following locks in the Rock Island District are scheduled for closure:

- TODAY, June 12: **Lock 16** (Illinois City, Ill. – River Mile 457.2),  
**Lock 17** (New Boston, Ill. – River Mile 437.1)  
**Lock 18** (Gladstone, Ill. – River Mile 410.5)  
**Lock 20** (Canton, Mo. – River Mile 343.2)
- June 13: **Lock 14 Auxiliary Lock** (Pleasant Valley, Iowa – River Mile 493.3)  
**Lock 21** (Quincy, Ill. – River Mile 324.9)  
**Lock 22** (Saverton, Mo. – River Mile 301.2)
- June 14: **Lock 13** (Fulton, Ill. – River Mile 522.5)  
**Lock 19** (Keokuk, Iowa – River Mile 364.2)