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## **Army Corps leaders remain focused on Midwest flood fighting efforts**

St. Louis -- St. Louis was the destination late Wednesday, June 25, of another high-level contingent of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers leaders who are continuing to focus on ongoing flood fighting efforts region wide while taking the first steps to prepare for recovery work that will follow when the rivers finally recede. The officials also visited flood sites in Iowa and upstate Illinois en route to St. Louis.

Headed up by Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the Honorable John Paul Woodley, Jr., the team included Mississippi Valley Division Commander Brig. Gen. Michael J. Walsh, and two members of the presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission, Mr. Sam Angel and Mr. R.D. James.

In St. Louis, the group received updates in the St. Louis District Emergency Operations Center and in the District's Water Control Office, from District Commander Col. Lewis F. Setliff III and senior members of his staff.

The visit marks the second time Gen. Walsh has come to St. Louis in three days. He was last here with the Corps Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, when they visited Clarksville, Mo., and flew over flooding elsewhere in Missouri and Illinois.

Discussions included detailed reviews of current flood fighting efforts on both sides of the Mississippi River and of plans to move forward to repair damage. These latter discussions included considering ways to shorten the process from planning to starting restoration work by performing several steps simultaneously vice traditional sequential steps. Employing advanced technology and lessons learned from post-Katrina efforts was also reviewed in the discussions.

The group departed en route to Vicksburg, Miss. and Washington, DC immediately after the briefing where they will brief their staffs on findings and recommendations.

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**Caption for attached photo:** (L) Mississippi Valley Commission members R. D. James and Sam Angel; Assistant Secretary of the Army, John Paul Woodley, Jr. and Mississippi Valley Division Commander Brig. Gen. Michael J. Walsh listen intently to David Busse in the St. Louis District Water Control Office. Busse, the District's Chief of Engineering and Construction, focused his remarks on the work of the Water Control Office to provide water elevation figures and predictions from the National Weather Service to flood fighters in the field and to help apply those predictions to plan future events such as reopening locks on the river and beginning recovery efforts after the flood. (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers photo taken by Alan Dooley)

**Editor's Note:** Higher resolution photo (4.5MB) available upon request, please contact the Public Affairs Office at 314-331-8002 / 8090 or Alan Dooley, Chief of Public Affairs at 618-719-9039 (cell) or 618-939-5985 (home).

