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Regional Interagency Levee Task Force sets St. Louis meeting

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 20, 2009 – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and other federal and state agencies will conduct a meeting of the regional Interagency Levee Task Force (ILTF) on March 24, at the Goodfellow Federal Building located at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., 63120. The meeting will begin at 8:15 AM and conclude at 4:15 PM.

Interested media are invited to meet with task force federal and state officials at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the task force and its initiatives.

The purpose of the ILTF is to establish a collaborative regional interagency approach to long-term restoration of floodplain management systems damaged by the Midwest Floods of June 2008. Flood risk management is a shared responsibility and partnership among federal, state and local government agencies, local authorities and private landowners.

The working meeting will discuss the current operational activities of the Interagency Levee Work Groups located at the five Joint Field Offices, within the impacted states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin; continue the open dialogue that has been established with the states and participating agencies; and to share concerns and issues relative to flood risk management.

More information about the task force is available at www.iwr.usace.army.mil/ILTF/. Additional information about FEMA is available at www.fema.gov and the Corps of Engineers is available at www.usace.army.mil.