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Regional Interagency Levee Task Force holds final meeting in St. Louis

VICKSBURG, Miss., July 9th, 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 their final meeting of the regional Interagency Levee Task Force (ILTF) July 14th, at the Hilton St. Louis Airport. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

Interested media are invited to meet with task force officials between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. to discuss next steps for a more permanent regional levee task force. The purpose of future regional task forces will be to look at non-structural alternatives for flood risk reduction and to improve communication and collaboration between federal, state, local and non-governmental flood response organizations.

The purpose of the ILTF was 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.

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.