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Upper Mississippi River System Flood Risk and Resiliency Study Investigations (Flood Risk Management)



Figure 1: Upper Mississippi River Basin Association interstate water resource planning and management organization representing its five member states.

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Location

Study area is specific to the Upper Mississippi River System defined as Section 1103(b) of Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1986 and includes the navigable reaches of the Mississippi River main stem north of Cairo, Illinois; Minnesota River, Minnesota; Black River, Wisconsin; Saint Croix River, Minnesota and Wisconsin; Illinois River and Waterway, Illinois; and Kaskaskia River, Illinois to include their floodplains.

Description

Study to evaluate and recommend local and systemic measures to improve flood resiliency and reduce flood risk in the floodplain, including the floodway. Work with basin states, stakeholders, other agencies, and the public to create a vision for a more resilient future for the Upper Mississippi River with a focus on flood risk management. The system study will evaluate reach and system specific alternatives and provide recommendations of future spin-offs and proposed implementation approaches.

Status

This authority specifically authorizes the Upper Mississippi River States Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin and their collective organization, the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, to work in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and undertake a flood risk and resiliency study. Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (UMRBA) has expressed interest in serving as the non-federal cost share sponsor. This study requires a federal new start decision.

Importance

Recent Congressional enactment of Section 1227 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 is a significant step forward in reducing future flood risk and increasing community resilience on the Upper Mississippi River. The lack of a systemic Flood Risk Management (FRM) plan has the unintended consequence of inducing flood risk to others while attempting to address localized interest.

Authority

Section 1227 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (Public Law [PL] 118-272).

Activities for FY25

Receive non-federal sponsor letter of intent, develop budget package and continue coordination with Upper Mississippi River (UMR) stakeholders.

Activities after FY25

Study initiation will require a Congressional add to inform study new start or a decision by the Administration.

Project Partner

Upper Mississippi River Basin Association.

Congressional Interest

10 U.S. Senators (IL, IA, MO, WI, MN)
20 U.S. Representatives (IL-12th, IL-13th, IL-15th, IL-16th, IL-17th, MO-1st, MO-2nd, MO-3rd, MO-6th, MO-8th, IA-1st, IA-2nd, WI-3rd, MN-1st, MN-2nd, MN-3rd, MN-4th, MN-6th, MN-7th, MN-8th)