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**Volume VII: Appendix D, RDEIS Comments**  
**and Responses, Part 2**



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## **Appendix D, RDEIS Comments and Responses, Part 2**

### **1. INTRODUCTION TO COMMENTS AND RESPONSES APPENDIX**

This Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIS) Comments and Response Document, Appendix D to the Missouri River Master Water Control Manual Review and Update Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), is organized into four parts contained in the final four volumes of the FEIS (Volumes VI, VII, VIII, and IX). Part 1 (Volume VI) contains an overview of the RDEIS public comment process, a summary of the public comments received, and responses to all public comments. Part 2 (Volume VII) contains copies of RDEIS comment documents (letters, postcards, petitions, e-mails, faxes, etc.) from Federal agencies, Tribal groups, State agencies, local agencies, non-governmental organizations, and businesses. Part 3 (Volume VIII) contains copies of RDEIS comment documents from private citizens. Part 4 (Volume IX) contains copies of the RDEIS public hearing transcripts.

Users of this appendix should be able to find the comment document or transcript and associated responses they are interested in by first checking for the correct volume that contains the comment document category they are interested in (Federal agencies, Tribal groups, State agencies, local agencies, non-governmental organizations, businesses, private citizens, and transcripts). Then, a summary table appears for each section (group) of comment documents within a volume, followed by the actual comment documents for that group. Each summary table lists the sender (or transcript) and notes the numbers of the responses to identified comments that are contained in that comment document (or transcript). All responses are contained in Section 4.0 of Appendix D, Part 1 (Volume VI).

## **2. OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS**

A 6-month public comment period followed publication of the RDEIS in August 2001. The Corps hosted workshops and hearings throughout the Missouri River basin, including Tribal reservations, and some Mississippi River locations. In addition to public comments recorded in transcripts during these public hearings, nearly 54,000 public comment documents were received via mail, fax, e-mail, and hand-delivery. The Corps evaluated each comment document received and reviewed comments recorded in hearing transcripts so that issues of concern could be identified, grouped, and considered by technical experts. Issues raised through the comment/response process were used in the development of the FEIS. Responses to public comments identified in the comment documents and transcripts are provided in Section 4.0 of Part 1 of Appendix D (Volume VI).

### **3. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED**

In addition to the oral comments provided at the public hearings, the nearly 54,000 comment documents received came from the following groups of interested parties:

- Federal Agencies
- Tribal Groups
- State Agencies
- Local Agencies
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Businesses
- Private Citizens.

Table D1-1 shows the volume and section numbers where each category of comment document can be found

**Table D2-1.** Location of RDEIS comment documents.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Volume Number</b>	<b>Section Number</b>
Federal Agencies	VII (Appendix D, Part 2)	4
Tribal Groups	VII (Appendix D, Part 2)	5
State Agencies	VII (Appendix D, Part 2)	6
Local Agencies	VII (Appendix D, Part 2)	7
Non-Governmental Organizations	VII (Appendix D, Part 2)	8
Businesses	VII (Appendix D, Part 2)	9
Private Citizens—Form Comment Documents	VIII (Appendix D, Part 3)	4
Private Citizens—George Washington University Student Papers	VIII (Appendix D, Part 3)	5
Private Citizens—Unique Comment Documents on Official Comment Form	VIII (Appendix D, Part 3)	6
Private Citizens—Unique Comment Documents on Comment Post Card	VIII (Appendix D, Part 3)	7
Private Citizens—Unique Comment Documents	VIII (Appendix D, Part 3)	8
Public Hearing Transcripts	IX (Appendix D, Part 4)	4-23

This volume (Appendix D, Part 2) contains coded copies of letters from Federal Agencies (Section 4), Tribal Groups (Section 5), State Agencies (Section 6), Local Agencies (Section 7), Non-Governmental Organizations (Section 8), and Businesses (Section 9). Responses to the comments identified in these documents can be found in Appendix D, Part 1, Section 4.