

## ***Navigable Waters (Section 10) of the United States (Traditional)***

These waters are administratively defined to mean waters that have been used in the past, are now used, or are susceptible to use as a means to transport interstate or foreign commerce up to the head of navigation.

A determination of the navigability, once made, applies laterally over the entire surface of the water body to the ordinary high water mark (O.H.W.). The O.H.W. mark for inland fresh waters is the line on the shores established by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank; shelving, changes in the character of soil; destruction of terrestrial vegetation; the presence of litter and debris; or other appropriate means that consider characteristics of the surrounding areas. Section 19 or Section 10/404 permits are required for construction activities in these waters.

### **Waters determined to be "navigable waters of the United States" in the Rock Island District include:**

- a. Mississippi River – throughout the Rock Island District.
- b. Illinois River – throughout the Rock Island District.

#### **Iowa**

- c. Des Moines River – from its confluence with the Mississippi River in Lee County (Iowa) and Clark County (Missouri) to mile 315.0 at Fort Dodge, Iowa.
- d. Iowa River – from its confluence with the Mississippi River in Louisa County, Iowa to mile 3.0 near Toolesboro, Iowa.

#### **Illinois**

- e. Rock River – throughout the Rock Island District.
- f. Galena River – from its confluence with the Mississippi River in Jo Daviess County to mile 4.0 at Galena, Illinois.
- g. Fox River – throughout the Rock Island District.
- h. Iroquois River – throughout the Rock Island District.
- i. Kankakee River – throughout the Rock Island District.
- j. LaMoine River – from its confluence with the Illinois River in Schuyler County into Hancock County.
- k. Mackinaw River – from its confluence with the Illinois River in Tazewell County into McLean County.
- l. Salt Creek – from its confluence with Sugar Creek in Menard County to mile 88.9 in McLean County.
- m. Sugar Creek – from its confluence with the Sangamon River in Menard County to mile 70.0 in McLean County.
- n. Sangamon River – from its confluence with the Illinois River in Cass County into McClean County.
- o. Spoon River – from its confluence with the Illinois River in Fulton County to mile 120.0 in Peoria County, Illinois .
- p. Pecatonica River – throughout the Rock Island District.
- q. Illinois and Michigan Canal – from its confluence with the Illinois River in Peru, LaSalle County throughout the Rock Island District

#### **Missouri**

- r. There are no additional waters in Missouri in Rock Island District determined to be "navigable waters of the United States"

➔ **NOTE: Waters determined to be "navigable waters of the United States" in the Rock Island District are color coded on the brochure entitled "Caring for the Nation's Waters."**