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Corps hosts change of command ceremony

Tuesday, 10 a.m., at New Orleans District, on the Mississippi River.

What. Col. Richard P. Wagenaar will become the 59th district engineer of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, assuming command from Lt. Col. Stephen E. Jeselink, in a formal military change of command ceremony.

When. 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2005. Ceremony will last about one hour.

Where. Headquarters, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, on the levee one-quarter mile downriver from intersection of South Carrollton Avenue and Leake Avenue. **Driving directions** (scroll to bottom of page)
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What's to see. Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, division engineer, Mississippi Valley Division, and president-designee of the Mississippi River Commission, will place the Corps of Engineers flag, signifying command of the New Orleans District, into the hands of Col. Wagenaar.

Background. The New Orleans District is responsible for Corps flood control, navigation and environmental stewardship in 30,000 square miles of south Louisiana. Projects include 973 miles of Mississippi and Atchafalaya river levees and 320 miles of hurricane-protection levees, 12 navigation locks, and partnership with state of Louisiana for the restoration of coastal Louisiana.

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