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Mississippi River Commission will meet public in New Orleans, Friday, April 7

NEW ORLEANS – The public is invited to address questions and concerns to the Mississippi River Commission at a public meeting scheduled Friday, April 7, in New Orleans.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. aboard the MV Mississippi at the Corps of Engineers wharf, 7400 Leake Avenue. It will be the final public meeting of the seven-member commission's 2006 high-water inspection trip.

The topics addressed usually concern the Corps of Engineers' missions: flood control, navigation, environmental stewardship, emergency response and recreation.

Friday's agenda

--Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, president-designee of the commission and commander, Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will report on national and regional issues.

--Col. Richard Wagenaar, district commander, will report on the state of the New Orleans District, including the hurricane recovery work.

--Members of the public will present their views and questions.

Organized in 1879, the Mississippi River Commission has seven members, nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The commission

advises the chief of engineers and the secretary of the Army. Staff support is provided by the Mississippi Valley Division, based in Vicksburg, Miss. The division directs the work of the six Corps districts on the Mississippi River from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada.

Mississippi River Commission members

Brig. Gen. Crear, president-designee
Sam E. Angel, farmer, Lake Village, Ark.
R.D. James, civil engineer, New Madrid, Mo.
William Clifford Smith, civil engineer, Houma, La.
Rear Adm. Samuel P. De Bow Jr., National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Silver Spring, Md.
Brig. Gen. Bruce A. Berwick, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cincinnati
Brig. Gen. Gregg F. Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland, Ore.

The commission usually inspects the Mississippi River twice each year, in the spring during high water and in the summer during low water. Public meetings are held on each trip.

Media note

For interviews before the public meeting, please call 504-862-2201. If you specify an interest, we may also be able to make available a project manager or other expert. Please board the MV Mississippi by 7:45 a.m. Also, if time permits, individuals may grant interviews after the meeting.

Web resources

Mississippi River Commission <http://www.mvd.usace.army.mil/>

Driving directions to public meeting www.mvn.usace.army.mil scroll to bottom.

Photo of MV Mississippi

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