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Mississippi River Commission will meet public in New Orleans, Friday, April 22

NEW ORLEANS – Members of the public are invited to address their questions and concerns to the Mississippi River Commission at a public meeting scheduled on Friday, April 22, in New Orleans.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. aboard the MV Mississippi at the Corps of Engineers' wharf. It will be the final public meeting of the seven-member commission's 2005 high-water inspection trip.

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

Friday's public meeting agenda

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

--Col. Peter Rowan, district engineer, will report on the state of the New Orleans District.

--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.

Members of the Mississippi River Commission

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.

Brig. Gen. William T. Grisoli, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland, Ore.

Rear Adm. Samuel P. De Bow Jr., National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Norfolk, Va.

Brig. Gen. Bruce A. Berwick, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cincinnati

The commission usually inspects the Mississippi River twice each year, in the spring during high water and in the summer during low water. It holds public meetings 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.

[Mississippi River Commission](#) information

[Driving directions](#) to New Orleans District, Army Corps of Engineers