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Miss. River Commission to visit La., Aug. 24 *Corps of Engineers invites public to give views and comments*

NEW ORLEANS—Want to share your ideas with the Army Corps of Engineers? Ask questions about projects?

Here's your chance, a public meeting of the Mississippi River Commission aboard of the [Motor Vessel Mississippi](#) at Morgan City on Friday, Aug. 24.

The commission's seven members' unusual degree of independence springs from their being nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate, said Col. Alvin B. "Al" Lee, commander of the New Orleans District.

"Under the law, the members advise the Corps' chief of engineers and the secretary of the Army," Lee said. "Accordingly, they are well positioned to speak frankly and to forward your questions and ideas up the line."

The public meeting begins at 9 a.m. on the MV *Mississippi*, a 241-foot Corps towboat at the [Port of Morgan City](#) wharf, 800 Youngs Road.

The Louisiana public meeting will conclude the 2007 Low-Water Inspection Trip, which began Aug. 17 in St. Louis. All public meeting proceedings, including citizens' statements and members' responses, are stenographically recorded and available to the public.

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The Mississippi River Commission is responsible for the basin's three great rivers and the commission includes three Corps generals: Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, the commission president and Mississippi Valley Division commander; Brig. Gen. Bruce A. Berwick, commander of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, and Brig. Gen. Gregg F. Martin, commander of the Northwestern Division (Missouri River).

Morgan City public meeting agenda

- Brig. Gen. Crear reports on national and regional issues.
- Col. Lee reports on the New Orleans District
- Members of the public present their views and ask questions.

The Mississippi River Commission was established in 1879. Staff support is provided by the Mississippi Valley Division, based in Vicksburg, Miss. The division directs the work of six Corps districts on the Mississippi River from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada.

Members of the Mississippi River Commission

Brig. Gen. Crear
Sam E. Angel, farmer, Lake Village, Ark.
R.D. James, civil engineer, New Madrid, Mo.
William Clifford Smith, civil engineer, Houma
Rear Adm. Samuel P. De Bow Jr., National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Silver Spring, Md.
Brig. Gen. Berwick, Cincinnati, Ohio
Brig. Gen. Martin, Portland, Ore.

Media. For interviews before the Morgan City public meeting, call 504-862-2201. Specify a topic if you want to interview a project manager or other expert. Please board the MV *Mississippi* by 7:45 a.m.

[Mississippi River Commission](#) on the Web.

