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Mississippi Valley Division

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T. Stephen Gambrell

*Executive Director, Mississippi River Commission
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Since November 1999, Mr. Gambrell has served as Executive Director for the Mississippi River Commission (MRC). In this position, he participates with and acts on behalf of the President, MRC, and Commander, MVD, in contacts with congressionals, MRC

Commissioners, state officials, local organizations, and private interests. He serves as principal advisor to the Commission in administrative and legislative matters and manages Commission meetings, hearings, and inspection trips. He advises the Commander, the MRC, Division and District staff, and others on legislative matters, issues of policy, regulations, and management principles relating to responsibilities and functions of the Division and the Presidentially appointed commission.

Stephen served as a construction engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Savannah District at Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Elberton, Hartwell, and Savannah, Ga.; and Belton, S.C., for five years before moving to Vicksburg in 1988. He served as project manager for Construction Division for the construction of locks and dams on the J. Bennett Johnson Waterway and as Executive Assistant and Engineer-Project Manager. He provided executive/managerial leadership and business development. He assisted in the development of District policy and direction of the work program and ensured implementation and refinement of continuous improvement. In addition, he worked with local, federal, elected officials, senior civilians and military officers.

Stephen has traveled to 17 countries speaking in local public schools, work camps, and other venues to help people build and reach their dreams. His most recent travel was China's major cities and remote villages and the United Arab Emirates.

Mr. Gambrell holds a bachelor of science in civil engineering, Clemson University, S.C., and 60 hours toward a Master's of Divinity from New Orleans Seminary, La. He is a graduate of Harvard's Senior Executive Fellows, Leadership for the 21st Century, and Creating Collaborative Solutions.

Stephen, his wife, son, and duck dog Cadie live near the mighty Mississippi River where they serve a local church. He serves as a director for the Society of American Military Engineers and a 25-year member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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Since 1879, the seven-member Presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission has developed and matured plans for the general improvement of the Mississippi River from the Head of Passes to the Headwaters. The Mississippi River Commission brings critical engineering representation to the drainage basin, which impacts 41% of the United States and includes 1.25 million square miles, over 250 tributaries, 31 states, and 2 Canadian provinces.

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