

Mississippi River Commission

Priorities....

- **Navigation – available and improving delivery**
 - » Consider, discuss, and address container on barge for 2014-15 with opening of the Panama Canal new set of locks
 - » Dredging of small ports and harbors
 - » Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP)
- **Infrastructure**
 - » Use MRC process of listening, inspecting, partnering, and engineering to increase awareness of the deteriorating infrastructure in the watershed
 - » Through established relationships, develop plans to address infrastructure in the watershed; lead federal efforts
 - » Use MRC process to increase and improve infrastructure investment
- **Comprehensive Flood Control**
 - » MR&T (Mississippi River Levees, Morganza to Gulf)
 - » Upper Miss Comprehensive Plan
 - » Communicate MRC/MR&T process as a comprehensive balanced watershed approach to follow in the six major sub-basins comprising the world's 3rd largest watershed – the Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Red, Arkansas, Illinois River basins and tributaries.
- **Environmental Sustainability**
 - » Integrate science based, sustainable, and resilient work into all projects (life-cycle costs)
 - » LCA: Explore innovative approaches and solutions such as water and sediment diversions
- **Water Supply**
 - » Prolonged drought concerns/storage of runoff
 - » Multi-state aquifer depletion
- **200-year Working Vision for America's Watershed**
 - » MRC signed a working vision August 20, 2009 (revised August 2010). It serves as:
 - * A system-wide balanced approach, requires an intergenerational commitment, and compliments a national vision
 - * A platform for broad participation, international recognition, and a long-term balanced vision for the entire watershed.

