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## Mississippi Valley Division reports Y2K success

Vicksburg, Miss., January 13, 2000 -- The Mississippi Valley Division made a smooth transition into the new millennium without experiencing the much-anticipated Y2K problems. The success was due to extensive systems testing and evaluation carried out over the past eighteen months as part of the Corps' comprehensive Year 2000 Action Plan.

The plan, developed in accordance with the Department of the Army's Year 2000 Action Plan, called for a thorough examination of every system necessary to continue the operation of flood control, navigation, and water control overseen by the division office.

"The new millennium brought with it many new challenges," said Joe McCormick, chief of Water Control Branch. "If any disruptions would have occurred, we were in a position to have minimized any impacts and assured a prompt division response," he continued.

Employees associated with critical operations in many crucial systems were trained in emergency preparedness procedures to ensure systems operated effectively and efficiently in the event of computer failure.

Had problems arisen, operations within the division were capable of being maintained for prolonged periods of time with only a minimal loss of efficiency or output. All infrastructure systems were carefully monitored through the critical timeframe designated as January 1-3, 2000, according to Robert Peters, chief of Readiness Branch.

The MVD staff was briefed on potential areas of concern and procedures to address problem areas, had they arisen. The Emergency Operations Center was staffed during critical reporting periods with each division office "on call" had EOC activation become necessary, said Peters.