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New Director of Engineering and Technical Services Arrives at Mississippi Valley Division

VICKSBURG, Miss., February 29, 2000 -- Mr. Louis C. Carr became the new Director of Engineering and Technical Services for the Mississippi Valley Division/Mississippi River Commission (MVD/MRC), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, January 1, 2000. He is also a member of the Federal Government's Senior Executive Service.

The Mississippi Valley Division is responsible for Corps water resource programs in a 370,000-square-mile area of the Mississippi River valley extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. The programs and activities overseen by the MVD and MRC are conducted by district offices located in St. Paul, Minn., Rock Island, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., Memphis, Tenn., Vicksburg, Miss., and New Orleans, La. The presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission is responsible for the comprehensive Mississippi River and Tributaries flood control and navigation project.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Carr was Director of Engineering and Technical Services for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, headquartered at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

In addition to a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Prairie View A&M University, Texas, Mr. Carr received a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. Mr. Carr is a registered professional engineer in the state of Texas. He is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Executive Development Program.

Previous assignments include Chief of Construction for the Corps' Southwestern Division headquartered in Dallas, Texas. At Southwestern Division, Mr. Carr also served as Acting Chief of

Construction-Operations, Director of Engineering, Chief of Technical Engineering Division, Chief of Military Program Management Branch, and Chief of Site Engineering Section in the Fort Worth District's Design Branch.

Mr. Carr was born in Marshall, Texas, and is married to the former Elma Jean Felder of Houston, Texas. The Carrs have three adult children, Cedric, Sandra, and Louis, Jr., and four grandsons.

Mr. Carr replaces Mr. Don Basham, who is now the Director of Planning and Programs Management in the Mississippi Valley Division.