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Fiscal Year 2002 President's Budget for Mississippi Valley Division

VICKSBURG, Miss., April 9, 2001 -- The Fiscal Year 2002 President's Budget has been released and includes \$874 million for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division (MVD), Civil Works program.

For the Mississippi Valley Division, the breakdown of the budget account is as follows:

General Investigations -- \$17 million (funds studies and pre-construction engineering and design);

Construction General -- \$190 million (funds project construction and major rehabilitation, to include environmental features);

Operation and Maintenance, General -- \$335 million (funds the running and upkeep of existing projects which include hydropower facilities, locks and dams, recreation areas, navigable waterways and environmental features);

Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries -- \$280 million (funds the study, design, construction, operation and maintenance for water resources projects in the historic flood plain of the Mississippi River from Cape

Girardeau, Mo., to Head of Passes, La.); and

Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

(FUSRAP) -- \$52 million (funds for the management of the program transferred to the Corps from the Department of Energy by the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 1998). This program addresses cleanup of the radiological contamination generated by activities of the Manhattan Engineer District and the Atomic Energy Commission during development of atomic weapons in the 1940s and 50s).

The FY 2002 budget also includes \$128 million for the nationwide Corps' Regulatory Program and \$153 million for General Expense. These funds will be distributed among the eight Corps divisions. Funds for the Regulatory Program are used for the permit program for dredge and fill material in waters of the United States. General Expense funds the operation of division headquarters.

The Mississippi Valley Division is responsible for the Corps water resource programs in a 370,000-square-mile area that includes portions of 12 states; its boundary extends from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. District offices are headquartered in St. Paul, Minn.; Rock Island, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Memphis, Tenn; Vicksburg, Miss.; and New Orleans, La. The presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission (MRC) is responsible for evaluating all projects that impact the Mississippi River from Canada to the Gulf, as well as the comprehensive Mississippi River and Tributaries flood control and navigation project.

The mission of the MVD and its six districts is to provide quality, responsive engineering service to the Army and the nation. The division oversees the planning, design,

construction and operation of water resources and other Civil Works projects to provide a variety of benefits, including flood damage reduction, navigation, environmental stewardship, water supply, hydroelectric power and recreation.

