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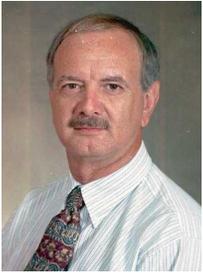
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McMichael Promoted in MVD

Vicksburg, Miss., July 26, 2001 -- Mr. Douglas R. McMichael was recently promoted to Operations Division Projects Team Leader at the Mississippi Valley Division/Mississippi River Commission (MVD/MRC), U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

McMichael's responsibilities include management of operations, maintenance, natural resources and repair of flood control structures for the Corps of Engineers throughout the Mississippi Valley. He also has oversight of the navigation, dredging, locks and dams, flood control projects, hydropower and related activities.

A native of Yazoo City, Miss., McMichael attended Yazoo High and graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in civil engineering. McMichael's 24-year service with the Corps began with the Vicksburg District Corps of Engineers' Design Branch. He served as chief of the Mat Sinking Unit and of the Revetment Branch and his most recent position was chief of the Vicksburg District's Flood Control and Hydropower Section. Prior to joining the Corps, he was an engineer for the state of Mississippi and served in the U.S. Army.

McMichael is married to the former Kathy Allen. He has a daughter living in Grenada, Miss, and a son attending Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La.

The Mississippi Valley Division is responsible for Corps water resources 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.