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## MVD Assists In Recovery Efforts

VICKSBURG, Miss., September 20, 2001 -- The 5,500 men and women of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division, join the rest of the nation in expressing sympathy for the victims and families of victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The members of the Mississippi Valley Division also join the nation in the resolve to recover from these attacks as quickly as possible.

The Corps is the designated Department of Defense (DoD) planning and operating agent for Emergency Support Function (ESF) #3, Public Works and Engineering, of the Federal Response Plan. The Corps is currently providing engineering support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the recovery of the affected areas.

Currently, seventeen employees of the Mississippi Valley Division have been deployed to the New York and Washington, D.C., areas.

Five structural experts and specialists trained in urban search and rescue are in New York to assist in the recovery efforts. All five are from the division's St. Louis District. These individuals are trained to determine whether areas of destruction are safe for rescuers or other personnel to enter, and to prescribe actions to be taken to make areas safer.

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## 2-2-2 MVD ASSISTS

In addition, the Mississippi Valley Division has twelve key personnel supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- Three employees are in Washington, D.C., supporting the Headquarters, Emergency Operations Center. One from the Mississippi Valley Division and one from the Vicksburg District, both serving as emergency support function assistant team leaders, and one from the Memphis District as an emergency manager subject matter expert.
- Three New Orleans District employees are supporting the Deployable Tactical Operations Center (DTOC) at Camp Kilmer in Edison, N.J. An additional person from the New Orleans District is providing support as a communication specialist. (NOTE: DTOCs are four-vehicle configurations designed to support a 38-person staff performing Emergency Response and Recovery Office functions. The Corps has three DTOCs.)
- One St. Paul District employee is supporting the National FEMA Emergency Operation Center in Washington, D.C., as an emergency management specialist.
- Two St. Louis District employees are assisting in New York. One is a team leader for financial management and the other is an information management specialist.
- Two Rock Island District employees are assisting in New York. One as a public affairs specialist and the other as a geospatial information system subject matter expert/team leader.