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Change of Command for Mississippi Valley Division

VICKSBURG, Mississippi, June 15, 2004 - There will be a change of command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division, Wednesday, June 23, 2004. Brigadier General Don T. Riley, MVD Commander and President of the Mississippi River Commission since September 2002, will turn over duties as Division Engineer to Brigadier General Robert Crear. The ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the George A. Morris Army Reserve Center, 1265 Porters Chapel Road. The public is invited. The ceremony will be officiated by the Corps' Chief of Engineers, Lieutenant General Robert B. Flowers.

As his follow-on assignment, Brig. Gen. Riley will be assigned as the Acting Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.

Brig. Gen. Crear comes to his new assignment from previous duty as Division Engineer of the Corps' Southwestern Division, Dallas, Texas. He has previously held a variety of command and staff positions in the United States and overseas, including serving as Commander, Task Force Restore Iraqi Oil (RIO), from January 2003 to November 2003 during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He also served as District Engineer for the Corps' Vicksburg District from 1998 to 2001.

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As MVD Commander, General Crear will be 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, Rock Island, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, and New Orleans.

In addition, General Crear will be president-designee of the Mississippi River Commission, the presidentially appointed agency that oversees the comprehensive Mississippi River and Tributaries flood control and navigation project, as well as the entire Mississippi River and its tributaries.