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Mississippi River Commission to hold meeting on Bayou Sorrel Lock Project

Vicksburg, Miss., September 13, 2004 -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River Commission (MRC), will hold a public meeting September 27, 2004, concerning the Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement of the Bayou Sorrel Lock project. The meeting will be conducted at the MRC Headquarters Building at 1400 Walnut Street, Vicksburg, Miss. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. Members of the public and other interested parties are welcome to observe the meeting.

The purpose of the public meeting is for the Commission to consider the project report as it pertains to the impacts on the Mississippi River and the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project.

The commission, established in 1879, is responsible for navigation, flood control and other water resources development on the Mississippi River.

2-2-2-2 Public Meeting

The MRC has statutory authority to operate on the Mississippi River from its headwaters at Lake Itasca, Minn., to Head of Passes, La. This authority is dependant upon Congressional authorization and funding of projects. The projects considered and implemented by the MRC may be part of the existing Mississippi River and Tributaries project or separate projects.

Brig. Gen. Robert Crear is President-designee of the Mississippi River Commission and Division Commander for the Mississippi Valley Division.

Interested individuals may obtain further information on the meeting by contacting Stephen Gambrell at (601) 634-5766 or cemvd-ex@usace.army.mil.