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New employee at the Mississippi Valley Division

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 24, 2005 – Mr. Jim Hannon was recently selected as Chief of the District Support Team for Memphis and Vicksburg Districts for the Mississippi Valley Division/Mississippi River Commission (MVD/MRC), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He also serves as the Chief of Operations and the Operations Community of Practice leader.

In this position, Mr. Hannon is responsible for oversight of the Operations and Maintenance programs of the division including navigation, regulatory, environmental compliance, natural resources management, flood control and hydropower. He develops and applies policies, methods and procedures related to program management, command and control, regional interface and quality assurance as they relate to the management of operations activities at 44 lakes, 63 navigation locks, four hydropower plant, and 639 recreation sites. The area of responsibility of this position also encompasses more than 4,260 miles of commercially navigable waterways and all federal harbors and channels within the boundaries of the division.

Before coming to MVD, Mr. Hannon was Chief of Construction/Operations Division in the Corps' Alaska District.

He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Mississippi State University in 1980 and began his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a civil engineer with the Mobile District at the Lock C Resident Office. In 1985 he became the Assistant Resident Engineer at the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway River Section Resident Office where he was in charge of construction contracts for embankments, roads, buildings, dredging, park facilities, clearing and erosion control. In 1987 he became the Assistant Resident Engineer at the Oliver Lock & Dam Resident Office where he was in charge of construction of a \$70 million lock and dam.

Mr. Hannon moved to the Mobile District Office in 1993 as Chief of the Claims and Contract Interpretation Section. He then moved to the South Alabama Area Office where he served in a dual capacity as Assistant Area Engineer and Chief of the Contract Administration Branch. In 1999, he received a temporary promotion as Area Engineer for the South Alabama Area Office, where he remained until he relocated to Alaska in March 2000. He served as Deputy Chief of the Construction/Operations Division in Alaska District until July 2001 when he was selected as Chief.

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Mr. Hannon is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Mississippi and is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers.

Mr. Hannon was born in Tupelo, Miss., and reared in Fulton, Miss.

