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## David Sills selected as Chief of Emergency Management

VICKSBURG, Miss., April 4, 2005 -- Mr. David Sills was recently selected as Chief, Emergency Management and Security Division, for the Mississippi Valley Division/Mississippi River Commission (MVD/MRC), U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In this position, Mr. Sills is responsible for oversight of preparedness, response and recovery from natural disasters and terrorist events. His area of responsibility includes hurricanes impacting the Mississippi and Louisiana coastlines and the city of New Orleans, earthquakes along the New Madrid seismic area, as well as flooding on the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

Sills was born in Kosciusko, Miss. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Mississippi State University in 1980 and began a career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a civil engineer with the Vicksburg District in the Water Control Section. He moved to Emergency Management in the Mississippi Valley Division in 1987, and has also worked as a Project Manager for environmental projects.

The Mississippi Valley Division is responsible for the Corps' water resources engineering 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. The Presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission is responsible for the comprehensive Mississippi River and Tributaries flood control and navigation project and engineering work associated with the Mississippi River and its tributaries from Lake Itasca, Minn., to the Head of Passes in Louisiana.

