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Mississippi Valley Division Modeling Forum

VICKSBURG, Miss., July 15, 2005 -- A forum to discuss modeling efforts on the Mississippi River and its tributaries is scheduled for July 26-27 at the Engineering Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The forum begins at 8 a.m. both days.

Hosted by the Mississippi Valley Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with support from the Louisiana Coastal Area Science and Technology Program and the ERDC, the forum will bring together engineers, scientists and others to review the history, status and future needs of river modeling.

“The need for this type of forum to facilitate the exchange of information is essential and of vital importance to the Corps’ flood control, navigation and environmental restoration efforts currently underway,” said Brigadier General Robert Crear, Commander of the Mississippi Valley Division. “The Corps’ customers and the river’s various user groups can only benefit from this type of comprehensive data gathering.”

River modeling in the Mississippi River Basin provides tools that analyze the existing system and propose changes. The analysis, previously done on a somewhat isolated basis by agencies or private groups, will be shared by those in attendance. The forum will encourage better communication and data sharing as well as the identification and avoidance of efforts.

Visit www.mvd.usace.army.mil/mvdconference/index.php for additional information, the planned schedule of panel discussions and presentations, hotels, and registration forms.