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2025 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION  
**INDUSTRY**  
**DAY** **FEB 19** WED. 9AM-5PM  
**MEMPHIS-TN**  
**RENASANT CONVENTION CENTER**



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# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION

## THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER & TRIBUTARIES PROJECT (MR&T)

Authorized by the 1928 Flood Control Act. In the wake of the devastating 1927 flood, it was deemed necessary to put into place a comprehensive, unified system of public works within the lower Mississippi Valley that would provide unprecedented flood risk management and an equally efficient navigation channel. Major features include Channel Improvement and Stabilization, Floodways, Levees/Floodwalls, and Tributary Basin Improvements that work together to provide flood risk management, navigation, and foster environmental protection and enhancement.

## NAVIGATION AND ECOSYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM (NESP)

The Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) was authorized by Congress in 2007 with the goal of long-term sustainability of the navigation and ecosystem uses on the Nationally-significant Upper Mississippi River. Funding to advance projects into construction was first received as part of the 2022 Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law and continued through fiscal years 2022-2024 via Congressionally Directed Spending and USACE Work Plan. The program continues to advance planning, design, and construction for priority navigation and ecosystem projects on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.

### MR&T

**A WISE INVESTMENT** \$ \$ \$

**4.5 Million People Protected**

**\$159 Billion in Flood Damages Prevented**  
in 2023

**\$2.3 Trillion in Flood Damages Prevented,**  
Since 1928



### THE MR&T PROTECTS COMMERCE

**4,364 Miles of Highways** (Major Sections of Interstates 10, 20, 40, 55 and 57)

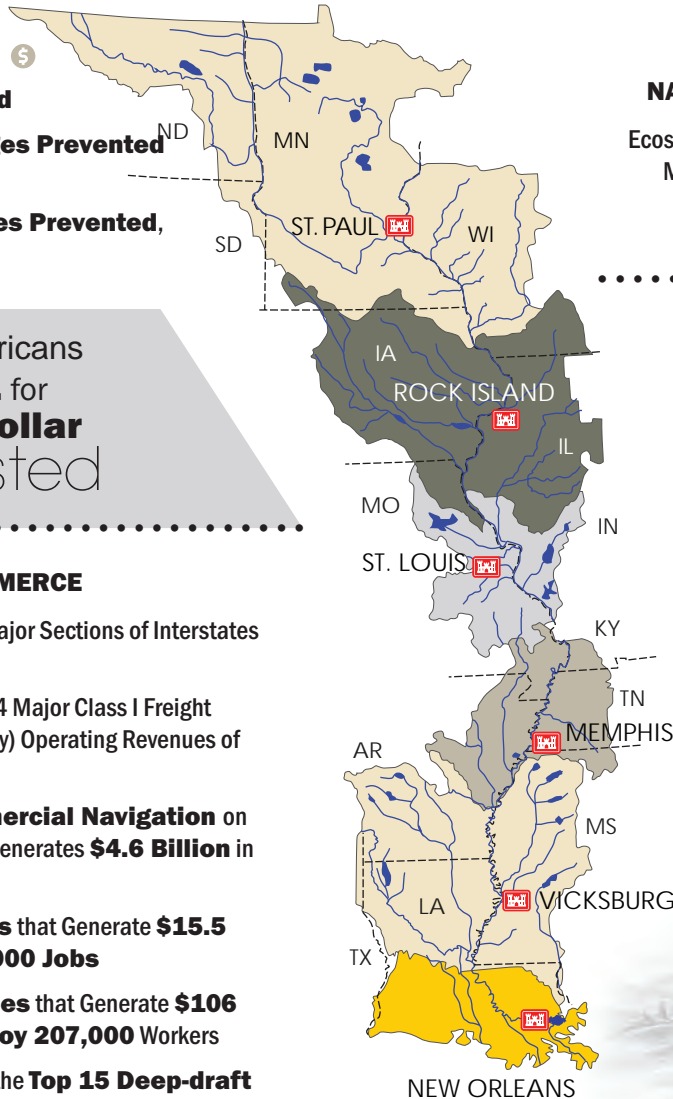
**2,364 Miles of Rail** Used by 4 Major Class I Freight Carriers with Combined (nationally) Operating Revenues of **\$50 Billion Annually**

Infrastructure Supporting **Commercial Navigation** on the Lower Mississippi River that Generates **\$4.6 Billion in Revenues & 18,700 Jobs**

**Tourism & Travel Industries** that Generate **\$15.5 Billion** in Expenditures & **190,000 Jobs**

**563 Manufacturing Facilities** that Generate **\$106 Billion** in Revenues & **Employ 207,000 Workers**

Infrastructure Supporting four of the **Top 15 Deep-draft Ports** The **2nd Largest Port** (Port of South Louisiana 225 Million Tons in FY2021)



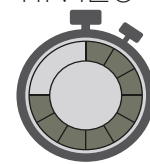
### NESP

#### THE COMBINATION OF ECOSYSTEM AND NAVIGATION IN A SINGLE USACE PROGRAM

Ecosystem Projects Include Fish Passage (Locks 4, 8, 22, Mel Price), Island Building, Water Level Management, Floodplain Restoration, Backwater Restoration, and Shoreline Protection Among Others

The Seven Authorized **1200' Lock Chambers** at **Locks 20-25** on the Mississippi River and Lagrange and Peoria on the Illinois River will

**reduces LOCKAGE TIMES** from an average of **2.5 hours** to **45 min. per LOCKAGE**



The **NESP Locks Provide** Link to Exporting Greater Than **60%** of the **Nation's Corn & Soybean Products** to the World Markets

**2.7 Million Acres** of Bottomland Forest Islands, Backwaters, Side Channels And Wetlands

**Home to 25% of North America's Fish Species** | The first priority fish passage structure is located at Lock and Dam 22

**Flyway for 40% of North America's Migratory Waterfowl and Shorebirds**



\*Information courtesy of the following publications: \*1 Economic profile of the Lower Mississippi River, Final Report Feb. 2014 (Industrial Economics Inc.)

2 Data sources include the latest available data from the National Levee Database for Levees and Leveed Areas and Infrastructure Data from FEMA HSIPGOLD 2015



### THE MR&T PROTECTS AGRICULTURE

**22.5 Million Acres of Cropland** Value **\$51 Billion**

Generate **\$8.7 Billion in Agricultural Revenue** Annually & **Employ 56,000 People**

**53,525 Farms** with an Average of **422 Acres** per Farm Lie within the **Lower Mississippi River Corridor** & are **Protected by MR&T Levees**

MR&T Levees **Protect** Lands Producing **133 Million Bushels of Rice** Annually, or **67%** of the **Total Rice Produced in the United States**



# WELCOME



## **Major General Kimberly A. Peeples**

assumed command of the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on July 12, 2023. As the senior military officer, she oversees water resources engineering solutions in a 370,000-square-mile area from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Peeples previously served as Commander of the Great Lakes and Ohio Rivers Division. With a strong educational background and numerous awards, she is committed to strengthening national security and infrastructure resilience.

I'm Major General Kimberly A. Peeples, commanding general of the Mississippi Valley Division, headquartered in Vicksburg, Miss., which consists of six independent districts that cover the entire length of the Mississippi River from St. Paul, MN, to New Orleans, LA.

It is with pleasure I welcome you to this year's Regional Industry Day. I understand the importance of building strong relationships between the Corps and private sector and this event provides that opportunity. This space enables collaboration to support and advance shared goals.

The Corps relies heavily on our industry partners to provide the tools and technologies we need to succeed in an ever-changing global landscape. That's why these types of events are important. I encourage you to take advantage of the networking opportunities throughout the event. I would like to emphasize the importance of communication. We are here to listen! Thanks in advance for actively participating in this event. We look forward to hearing your ideas and deepening our relationships.

I am confident this year's event will be successful. I anticipate seeing the impact of our collaboration in the months and years to come. I want to thank each of you for joining us and for your commitment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kimberly A. Peeples".



# FEBRUARY 19, 2025

# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION REGIONAL INDUSTRY DAY

**8:00 - 9:00 AM**

**Registration Check-In/Name Tag Pick Up**  
*Riverfront Lobby Adjacent to Meeting Rooms 1&2*

## MORNING SESSION

**Morning Session Emcee** • LTC Collin Jones • *Memphis District Deputy Commander*  
*Location: Riverfront Rooms 1-3 - Main*

**9:00 AM**

**Welcome** • LTC Collin Jones • *District Deputy Commander*

**National Anthem** (*Pre-Recorded – LeAnn Rimes*)

**9:10 – 9:25 AM**

**Welcome • Partnering in Action/Committed to Partnering**

Major General Kimberly Peebles • *Commanding General, Mississippi Valley Division*

**9:25 – 9:50 AM**

**Civil Works Program Overview**

Mr. Jim Bodron • *Senior Executive Service, Programs Director, Mississippi Valley Division Civil Works Program Overview*

**9:50 – 10:00 AM**

## BREAK FOR ALL

**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

## HEADQUARTERS CONTRACTING / SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT PANEL

*Location: Riverfront Rooms 1-3 - Main*

**Panel Emcee**

Wendell Norman | *Mississippi Valley Division Senior Contracting Official*

**Panel Representatives**

Shea Richardson | *Chief, Procurement Policy for Headquarters*

Anna Prestwood | *Deputy of Programs, Mississippi Valley Division*

Chris Dunn | *Chief, Engineering New Orleans District*

Tony Jones | *Construction Branch Chief St. Louis District*

Marlan Snodgrass | *Assistant Director Office of Small Business Programs*

**Panel Topics**

**Hot Topics** *in Acquisition*

**Doing Business** *with the US Army Corps of Engineers*

**Partnering** *on Market Research*

**Partnering** *on Construction Projects*

# FEBRUARY 19, 2025

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION REGIONAL INDUSTRY DAY

**11:30 – 2:00 PM**

### MORNING WRAP UP | LUNCH

Morning Wrap Up with Open Networking with District Project Managers/Contracting Offices with Open Lunch  
*Location: Lobby and Common Areas adjacent to Riverfront Rooms 1 through 5*

### AFTERNOON SESSION

#### DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS, BREAKOUTS AND OPEN NETWORKING

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

#### **DIVISION SMALL BUSINESS PRESENTATION**

New Orleans District • Vicksburg District • St. Louis District • Rock Island District • St. Paul District • Memphis District

*(Small Business Reps will be on standby for questions afterwards)*

*Location: Riverfront Rooms 1-3 - Main*

#### **VARIOUS BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**3:30 – 4:30 PM**

#### ***BREAKOUT 1***

**Mississippi River & Tributaries (MR&T) Program • Lower Three (Memphis, New Orleans, and Vicksburg Districts)  
Overview of MR&T Program Centered on Lower 3 Districts**

*Location: Riverfront Room 1-3*

#### ***BREAKOUT 2***

**Navigation & Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) • Overview of NESP Centered on Upper 3 Districts  
(St. Louis, Rock Island, and St. Paul Districts) • Upper Mississippi River Restoration (UMRR) Program**

*Location: Riverfront Room 4*

#### ***BREAKOUT 3***

**Small Business Track – Focus on Small Business Training • How To Register as a Small Business • ETC.**

*Location: Riverfront Room 5*

**12:30 – 5:00 PM**

#### **OPEN NETWORKING**

*Location: Lobby and Common Areas adjacent to Riverfront Rooms 1 through 5*

**5:00 PM**

#### **CLOSING/CONCLUDE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION INDUSTRY DAY**

LTC Collin Jones • *Deputy Commander, Memphis District*

*Location: Riverfront Rooms 1-3 - Main*

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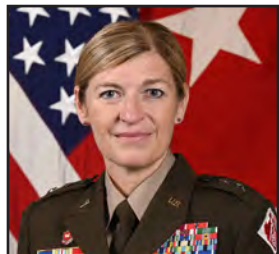
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# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION LEADERSHIP



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Mississippi Valley Division



**MR. JAMES A. BODRON, PE.**  
Senior Executive Service,  
Director, Programs Directorate



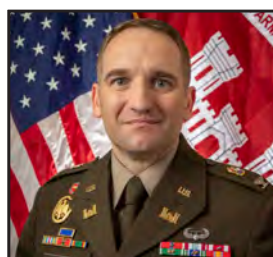
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Senior Executive Services, Director,  
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**COL ANDY J. PANNIER**  
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