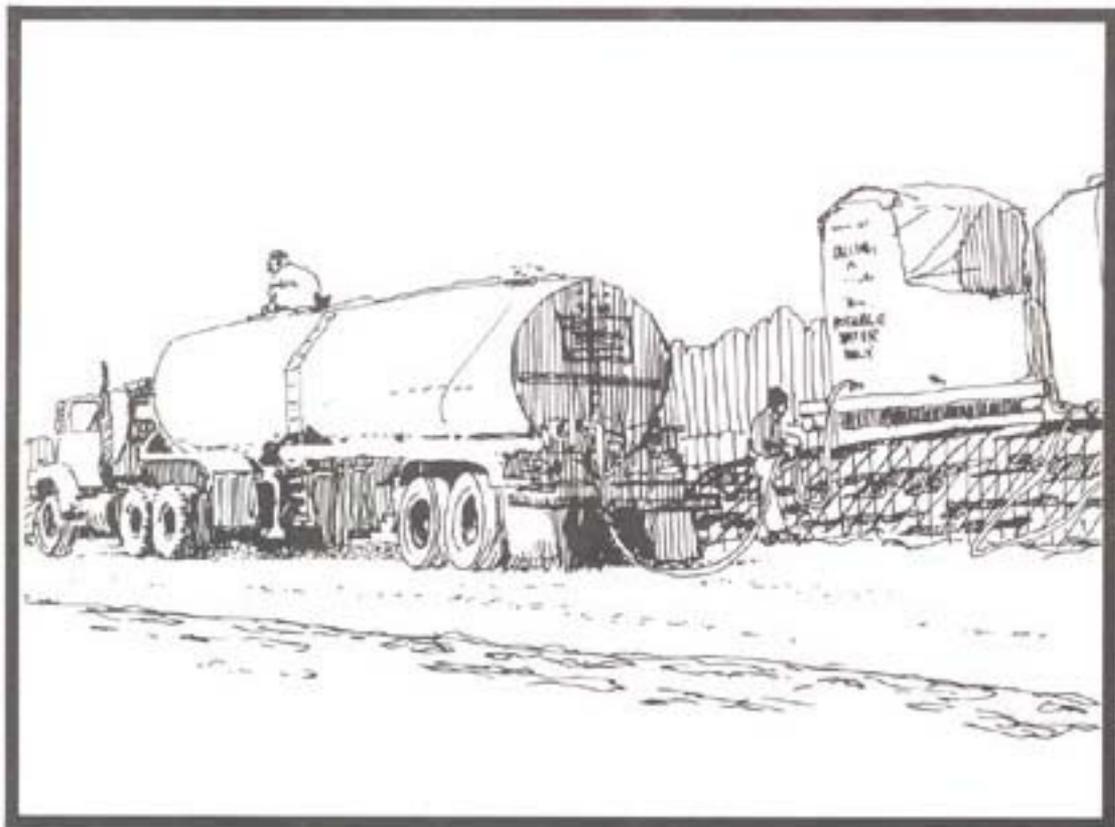




**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Kansas City District

Emergency Water



EMERGENCY WATER



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, within specific guidelines, is authorized to provide emergency water assistance to any locality confronted with water supply problems associated with drought conditions. The intent of the Corps' emergency water program is to provide water assistance to meet minimum public health and welfare requirements. The assistance is supplemental to state and local efforts and is usually temporary. Long-term solutions to water supply problems are the responsibility of local and state interests.

DROUGHT DISTRESSED AREA

A drought-distressed area is one that the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works determines to have an inadequate water supply which is causing, or is likely to cause, substantial threat to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the area including threat of damage or loss of property. The loss of the ability to do such things as water lawns, fill swimming pools, wash cars, and the like is no basis for considering Corps assistance.



There must be a definite need, in the immediate future, which cannot be met totally by local and state actions underway or planned. A long-term solution must be developed by the local and state governments. If a long-term solution is not expeditiously pursued, the Corps' temporary assistance is not authorized.

WHO MAY RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

Assistance may be provided to any rancher, farmer or political subdivision within a designated drought-distressed area. (A farmer or rancher is an individual, partnership, or corporation that receives the majority of its income from farming or ranching. A political subdivision is a city, county, district, association, or other public body created by or pursuant to state law.)

CORPS OF ENGINEERS ASSISTANCE

Corps of Engineers assistance is limited to providing water for human and livestock consumption only. It is authorized to transport water by vehicles, small-diameter pipelines or other means and to construct wells. Water for irrigation, recreation, or commercial processing will not be provided.



PRIOR TO REQUESTING ASSISTANCE

Following are examples of actions that should be taken by state and/or local interests prior to requesting assistance from the Corps:

- Utilization of all available state and local resources to include funds, manpower and equipment such as National Guard trucks to haul water.
- Mandatory water conservation measures.
- Prioritization of available water. Human and livestock consumption and sanitary needs take priority over industrial processes and irrigation of crops.
- Established minimum requirements for public health and welfare.

- Operation of water treatment facilities is modified to allow processing of alternate water sources that may be available.



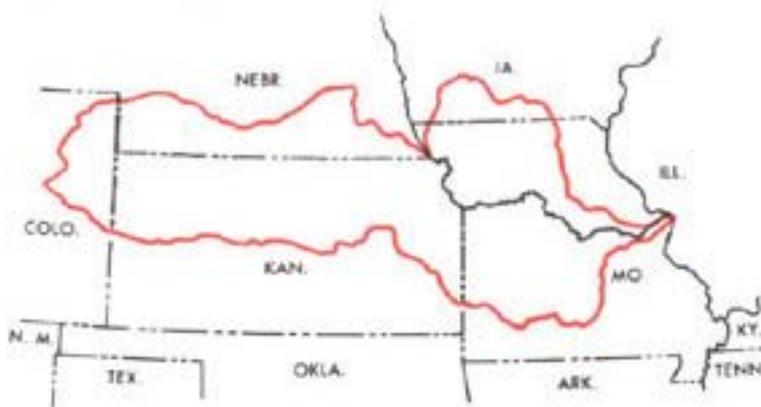
- Evaluated water processing and distribution systems and made repairs to minimize any losses.
- Non-potable water is utilized in situations where it can be safely used.
- Where the problem is maintaining well production, available alternatives such as lowering production or deepening wells are being addressed.
- Initiated a long-term solution.

OTHER AGENCIES

Other agencies, such as the Small Business Administration, Farmers Home Administration, Economic Development Administration, Soil Conservation Service, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, may also be able to assist you with drought-related problems.

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT

The red line on the map below shows the Kansas City District's area of responsibility.



The Emergency Management Office that oversees this assistance program is located at 700 Federal Building, Room 164, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2896. If you would like to discuss how the Corps of Engineers might serve you, please do not hesitate to call us at 816-426-6320.

