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## **River deposits at Jameson Island to cease**

The following is a joint press release from The Kansas City District Corps of Engineers, EPA and Fish and Wildlife.

Soil formerly put in the Missouri River as part of a chute construction project at Jameson Island, near Arrow Rock, Mo., will now be "sidecast" along the river's banks, under an agreement between the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District.

The project has been issued all necessary Clean Water Act permits for its construction. This includes; a discharge permit under Section 402 of the CWA and water quality certification under Section 401 of the act, both of which are issued by the MDNR, and a Section 404 compliance determination by the Corps of Engineers. The project is in compliance with all of these permits.

During a recent public meeting on Jameson Island concerns were raised about the soil being deposited into the river. In the interests of public safety the Corps has directed the contractor to stop placing the soil excavated from the chute directly into the river.

This order will remain in effect until after the Corps in cooperation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources sees the results of materials testing at the site.

"This allows us to continue the Missouri River mitigation at the site, which is designed to help a number of species including the endangered pallid sturgeon," said Robert Dimmitt, program manager for the Missouri River Mitigation and Recovery program.

Changes in operations at Jameson Island are designed to address water quality concerns raised by the Missouri Clean Water Commission. The Corps is also changing how the lower end of the chute enters the river to avoid concerns about erosion to levees on the opposite side of the river from the chute project.

Dimmitt said the mitigation program creates areas of slow moving and shallow water to encourage species such as the pallid sturgeon to breed.

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