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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers tracking levels of Missouri and Kansas Rivers**

**Kansas City, Mo.** – Due to the recent surge in runoff following the storms which saturated the area over the weekend, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District has opened its Emergency Management Center. The district center is tracking levels of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers throughout Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska in light of recent heavy rains.

"We are actively engaged in providing support to local public entities and federal sponsors for federal and non-federal levee systems along the Missouri and Kansas River," said Jud Kneuvean, the Levee Rehabilitation Inspection program manager for the Corps. "Currently we're fielding a lot of requests for direct assistance such as sandbags, Corps-owned pumps and requests for engineering technical support."

Kneuvean said currently the focus seems to be from Kansas City north to Rulo, Neb. Flood stages are anticipated below Kansas City and move towards St. Louis into next week.

"We have liaison teams out at some of the critical levees," said John Grothaus of the Planning Office within the Corps. "So far, we're not near the crest here in Kansas City, but we're looking for a crest in the next few days. The Kansas City, Mo., and the levee districts locally will be watching it closely and working with us to monitor the situation as they develop and keep on top of things."

Different with respect to the 1993 flood, this flooding is a result of a very sudden burst of water in a short period of time. In 1993, the flood was a result of a large volume of water which filled up over several months. The National Weather Service predicts water levels will return to normal later this week.

Damages to the levees during the '93 flood have been repaired and are in good condition. They are expected to operate as designed, and they will be monitored closely in conjunction with the levee districts and the cities.

The Corps will continue to update the affected regions on the response as information comes in. The EOC will be operating 24 hours until the determination has been made that it is no longer necessary. For current information call (816) 426-6320 or (816) 389-2427.

Online links to water levels can be found at [www.crh.noaa.gov](http://www.crh.noaa.gov). Click on the link titled "Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service."

For the past 100 years, the Kansas City District has been providing flood damage reduction and related support to the heartland. For more information, call the Kansas City District Public Affairs office at (816) 389-3486. <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil>.

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