



# News Release

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## **UPDATE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers tracking levels of Missouri River**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Officials at the Kansas City District, US Army Corps of Engineers continue to monitor the runoff following the storms which saturated the area over the weekend. According to latest readings, the district forecasts the federal levee system will operate as designed.

Using the latest predictions provided by the National Weather Service, the district does anticipate flood stages being surpassed below Kansas City as the crest moves across Missouri over the next few days.

The district commander, Col. Michael Rossi, has deployed to various locations throughout the basin to engage local agencies and provide Corps support to their efforts.

“While it is important to note the integrity of the federal levees throughout the system are currently being shown as sound, we are focused on helping our other federal and state partners as we manage this storm event and minimize flood damages.”

Jud Kneuvean, the Levee Rehabilitation Inspection program manager for the Corps, said currently the focus seems to be from Kansas City north to Rulo, Neb., but as the crest moves downstream, the Corps' efforts will focus on affected areas as necessary. Flood stages are anticipated below Kansas City and move towards St. Louis into next week.

In the last 24-hours district personnel have helped deploy more than 524,000 sandbags and a few pumps to cities and local levee districts throughout the area to support local flood damage prevention efforts. The Corps is only authorized to provide sandbags and pumps to cities and local levee districts. Private citizens should contact their local levee district and emergency management offices for assistance in getting these materials.

“We are not making any releases from any of our 18 Kansas City District lakes until the water goes below the flood control points,” said Sue Gehrt, battle captain of the Emergency Operations Center for the Corps. “We may resume releases by the end of the week depending on river stages and weather conditions. We also have technical support teams to federal levees to assist local levee districts and cities.”

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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.

For more information from the Corps regarding the management of the storm runoff, visit the district Flood 2007 web page at [www.nwk.usace.army.mil](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil), click on “Flood 2007 Information.”

Additional 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. [www.nwk.usace.army.mil](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil)

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