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Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the modified Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Available

Kansas City, Mo -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers today announced the availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the modified Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project. As the lead agency, the Army Corps of Engineers is seeking public comment on the DSEIS. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission are serving as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the DSEIS.

The Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project was first authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (WRDA86), which included the development of 48,100 acres of aquatic and terrestrial habitat for fish and wildlife along 735 miles of the Missouri River between Sioux City, Iowa and the mouth near St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of the Mitigation Project is to restore fish and wildlife habitat losses that have occurred and will continue to occur due to the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project. The Mitigation Project was modified by the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, which increased the acreage of fish and wildlife habitat development by 118,650 acres to a total of 166,750 acres. The purpose of the DSEIS is to identify and evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the modified Mitigation Project. The DSEIS considered seven alternatives and analyzes three alternatives in detail including the Preferred Action, No Development alternative, and the No Action alternative. The Preferred Action would include the development of up to 118,650 acres to be acquired from willing sellers or through easements to restore or enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitat on individual sites located along the Missouri River from Sioux City to St. Louis, including 7,000 to 20,000 acres of shallow water habitat. This modified Mitigation Project is a modification to the original Mitigation Project authorized by WRDA86. A copy of the DSEIS is available for review at the following libraries:

Atchison Library, 401 Kansas Avenue, Atchison, KS 66002
Atchison County Library, 200 S. Main St., Rock Port, MO 64482-1532
Blair Public Library, 210 S. 17th Street, Blair, NE 68008
Boonslick Regional Library, 618 Main Street, Boonville, MO 65233-1572
Callaway County Public Library, 710 Court Street, Fulton, MO 65251
Carrollton Public Library, 206 W. Washington, Carrollton, MO 64633
Council Bluffs Public Library, 400 Willow Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51503-4269
Daniel Boone Regional Library, 100 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201
Dakota City Public Library, 1708 Broadway, Dakota City, NE 68731
Fayette Public Library, 201 South Main Street, Fayette, MO 65248

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Keytesville Library, 406 W. Bridge Street, Keytesville, MO 65261-1016
Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce, Leavenworth, KS 66048
Lewis Library of Glasgow, 315 Market Street, Glasgow, MO 65254-2395
Lexington Library, 1008 Main Street, Lexington, MO 64067-1345
Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library, 120 E. 18th Street, Falls City, NE 68355
Mid-Continent Public Library, 100 Kent Street, Liberty, MO 64068-2256
Morton - James Public Library, 923 First Corso, Nebraska City, NE 68410
Onawa Public Library, 707 Iowa Avenue, Onawa, IA 51040
Oregon Public Library, Washington Street, Oregon, MO 64473
Plattsmouth Public Library, 4th & Avenue A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048
River Bluffs Regional Library, 927 Felix St., St. Joseph, MO 64501
St. Charles Library, 2323 Elm Street, St. Charles, MO 63301-1440
St. Louis Public Library, 5850 N. Hanley Road, St. Louis, MO 63134
Scenic Regional Library, 113 E. 4th Street, Hermann, MO 65041-1129
Scenic Regional Library, 100-2 E. Main Street, Warrenton, MO 63383-2004
Sidney Public Library, 604 Clay Street, Sidney, IA 51652
Sioux City Public Library, 529 Pierce Street, Sioux City, IA 51101-1203
Thomas Jefferson Library, 214 Adams St., Jefferson City, MO 65101
Washington Public Library, 415 Jefferson Street, Washington, MO 63090-2607
Walthill Public Library, Main Street, Walthill, NE 68067
W. Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th Street, Omaha, NE 68102-1004

The DSEIS is also available for review on the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project website at:

<http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/mitigation/supplemental-eis.htm>

An open house and public hearing will be held at the following dates and locations to answer the public's questions regarding the DSEIS and to obtain testimony from the public on the DSEIS:

October 8, 2002: **Columbia, Missouri** – Lange Middle School, 2201 E. Smiley Lane

October 9, 2002: **Washington, Missouri** – Washington Middle School, 401 E. 14th Street

October 10, 2002: **Lexington, Missouri** – Lexington Middle School, 1111 S. 24th Street

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October 15, 2002: **Sidney, Iowa** – Sidney Elementary School, 1004 Illinois Street

October 16, 2002: **Atchison, Kansas** – Atchison Heritage Convention Center, 710 S. 9th Street

October 17, 2002: **Blair, Nebraska** – Arbor Park Elementary School, 1717 Adams Street

The public open house will be from 4:30 to 6:00 pm and provide the public with the opportunity to learn more about the modified Mitigation Project, the DSEIS findings, and the SEIS process. The public hearing will begin at 7:00 pm and provide the public the opportunity to submit testimony on the DSEIS. Participation by the public in this process is encouraged. Written comments on the DSEIS will be accepted until November 4, 2002 and a Final SEIS is anticipated for publication in February 2003.

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