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Additional MRAPS scoping meeting set for Worthington, Minn.

Kansas City, Mo. – To provide further opportunity for public involvement and comments for the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold an additional public meeting Tuesday, September 7th in Worthington, Minn. to collect recommendations, suggestions and comments to help define the scope of studies that will be conducted for the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study.

The meeting will take place at the following location:

Sept 7th Worthington, Minn. Minnesota West Community & Technical College,
 Commons Building, 1450 Collegeway

The public meeting will run from 5 to 8:00 p.m. with an open-house from 5 to 7:00 p.m. The final hour (7 to 8:00 p.m.) will be reserved for public speakers' comments. Participants may attend at their convenience. The public meeting will include:

- Program booklet and comment form
- Continuous overview presentations so participants can watch at their convenience
- Individual, manned stations focused on each of the authorized purposes
- One-on-one conversations with Corps experts to ask questions and gain information on the study
- Materials on the study
- Comment forms, computer terminals and a court reporter to record comments at each site

“We continue to receive lots of public input with comments ranging from the need to conduct contemporary evaluation of the congressionally authorized purposes to no need for additional study, the money could be better spent elsewhere,” said Mark Harberg, study co-manager. “We will take all of these ideas, suggestions and comments into consideration as we shape our efforts.”

Congress directed the Corps to conduct a study of the Missouri River projects within the basin to review the original project purposes based on the 1944 Flood Control Act to determine if changes to these purposes are warranted. The eight purposes are flood control, hydropower, water supply, irrigation, navigation, recreation, water quality, and fish and wildlife. Infrastructure operated by both the Corps and Bureau of Reclamation is included in the study.

Individuals requiring assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in these meetings can contact lois@djcase.com at least three days prior to a specific meeting. Those who use a telecommunications service for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) anytime at 800-877-8339 to relay this same information.

Comments will be accepted through September 20, 2010. They can be e-mailed to: mraps@usace.army.mil or sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study, Attn: CENWO-PM-AA, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Suite 9000, Omaha, NE 68102-4901. For more information about the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study, visit: www.mraps.org.