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MISSOURI RIVER HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS NOVEMBER 2003

INTRODUCTION

Hydrology of the Missouri River and Missouri River Flood Profiles

Background

The Kansas City District was one of the five Corps of Engineer Districts that participated in the Upper Mississippi River System Flow Frequency Study. This study commenced in 1997 and was completed in the summer of 2003. The first objective of this study was to review and revise flood flow estimates on the Upper Mississippi River downstream of St Paul Minnesota, the Illinois River downstream of Lockport, Illinois, and the Missouri River downstream of Gavins Point, South Dakota. The second major objective was to provide water surface profiles for major floods on these rivers. The unsteady flow computer program UNET was selected to produce those profiles. This effort considers the rivers in their present configurations, and the effect and presence of all flood control reservoirs and levees within the respective river basins.

The Kansas City District's area of responsibility consists of the main stem of the Missouri River from its mouth to Rulo, Nebraska, at river mile 498. During the course of the overall study it was necessary to conduct ancillary studies on some of the Missouri River tributaries, notably the Kansas and Osage River basins.

Purpose of this Appendix

The purpose of this Appendix is to describe the various studies conducted by the Kansas City District, or by consultants to the District, and to present the results of those studies. Comparisons with previous studies are provided.

Organization of this Appendix

This Appendix is divided into two major parts, Hydrology and Hydraulics. These two studies were carried out sequentially, with work on the Hydrology phase commencing in 1997. The work on this phase of the study was substantially complete in December of 2001, with some minor revisions in September of 2002 and again in May of 2003. The independent technical review of this phase was provided by the Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC).

Initial independent work on the Hydraulic modeling phase of this study began in the fall of 1998 with the signing of a contract with Dr. Robert L. Barkau. Dr Barkau's contract initiated the development of the UNET model that was used by the District in this study. Work on the calibrated UNET model, and the ancillary models necessary to define historic ungaged lateral inflow, began in earnest in late 1999 and was completed in the spring of 2003. The independent technical review of this phase was provided by the Mississippi Valley Division. These two phases were completed in sequence.

The Hydrology portion of this document is freestanding, and may be used without reference to the Hydraulics portion. The flow estimates from the Hydrology study were used as input into the Hydraulics study, so these two studies are compatible in all respects. It should be noted that the flood flow estimates developed in the Hydrology phase were verified in the Hydraulics phase.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The floods in the summer of 1993 in the upper Midwest focused attention on the subject of the magnitude and frequency of flood flows on the major rivers of the area. In response to this concern, a cooperative study was launched by the five U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) districts in the upper Midwest. This study was supported by other Federal agencies and seven states in the basin. This study appendix covers the Missouri River from its mouth to Rulo, Nebraska, which is the reach of the Missouri River within the jurisdiction of the Kansas City District. The overall study has two principal objectives: first, to investigate and establish the best possible estimates of the flood flows for the Upper Mississippi, Lower Missouri, and Lower Illinois Rivers, giving full consideration to the present day basin development; and secondly, to develop flood profiles for these streams. Part I of this Appendix covers the present day hydrology of the lower Missouri River, and Part II presents the flood profiles.

Part I - Hydrology

Previous Hydrology Reports

The hydrology of the Lower Missouri River in the Kansas City District was developed and published in a March 1962 report entitled *Missouri River Agricultural Levee Restudy Program – Hydrology Report.* The data presented in that report have been used to estimate flood flows for all flood control studies, Flood Insurance Studies, and similar purposes since that time. The estimated discharges for the six Missouri River gaging stations as presented in that report are listed below.

% Chance Flood	Hermann	Boonville	Waverly	Kansas City	St. Joseph	Rule
0.2	820,000	700,000		540,000	330,000	
	620,000	550,000	445,000	425,000	270,000	241,000
	555,000	485,000	395,000	380,000	246,000	220,000
	405,000	365,000	285,000	270,000	185,000	170,000

Missouri River Agricultural Levee Restudy * Kansas City District Gages

*Discharges in cubic feet per second (cfs)

Present Study

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The bulk of the Kansas City District's efforts in this study involved data retrieval, manipulation of that data, and basin modeling. Historical stage data was converted to flow for the periods prior to the onset of USGS discharge publication. An unregulated record for the years 1898-1997 was developed by removing the effects of the present system of flood control reservoirs from the record. Also, a regulated period of record was created by simulating the effects of that system of reservoirs. A frequency analysis for unregulated conditions was developed, and then translated into regulated flow estimates using unregulated vs regulated flow relationships. These efforts are described in detail in the Part I of this Appendix. Flow estimates for all points on the River were developed. Flow estimates for the six main stem gaging stations on the River are listed below.

¹ Interpolated data from Plate 12, Missouri River Agricultural Levee Restudy Program, Hydrology Report, March 1962

Regulated Flow Frequencies and Discharges* Kansas City District Gages

*Discharge in cubic feet per second (cfs)

Part II – Hydraulics

Previous Study

The previous development of estimated profiles for various frequency floods was accomplished in the late 1970's and early 1980's using an in-house, one dimensional, steady state computer program known as KCD Backwater. This program is no longer used or supported by the District. The profiles provided by this study have been used for flood plain management purposes since their publication.

Present Study

The Kansas City District study provides flood profiles for the Missouri River from its mouth to Rulo, Nebraska. These profiles are based on an unsteady flow analysis of 100 years of data using a specially modified version of the computer program UNET. The geometry model was calibrated to the hydrograph for the year 1993, including the high water profile for the great flood of that year. Modern topographic and hydrographic data were used to describe the present conditions on the river. The results of the hydrology phase of this study were used to provide flows for the various frequency floods. Variations in elevation estimates for the 1% chance flood from the previously published values ranged from $+ 6$ feet to $- 6$ feet, with the bulk of the differences within $+/- 1.5$ feet. Differences in elevation estimates for the six main stem gaging stations are listed below.

	Percent Chance	Elevation (feet, msl)			
Gage	Flood	1976 Profile	2003 Profile	Difference (feet)	
Rulo NE	10	861.2	860.1	-1.1	
	1.0	861.6	863.0	$+1.4$	
St. Joseph MO	10	811.3	813.5	$+2.2$	
	1.0	815.1	819.4	$+4.3$	
Kansas City MO	10	741.2	740.1	-1.1	
	1.0	748.5	749.5	$+1.0$	
Waverly MO	10	674.4	674.4	0.0	
	1.0	677.6	677.5	-0.1	
Boonville MO	10	596.6	594.7	-1.9	
	1.0	599.9	601.9	$+1.0$	
Hermann MO	10	513.7	512.5	-1.2	
	1.0	518.4	519.6	$+1.2$	

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INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

The purpose of the hydrology phase of the Upper Mississippi River System Flow Frequency Study (UMRSFFS) is to update the discharge frequency relationships, and subsequently the water surface profiles, on the Mississippi River and Illinois River above Cairo, Illinois, and the Missouri River downstream from Gavins Point Dam. This study was initiated by the Rock Island District with five participating U.S. Army Corps of Engineers districts. These were the Omaha, Kansas City, St. Paul, Rock Island, and St. Louis Districts. The purpose of this document is to describe the work accomplished by the Kansas City District as part of the Upper Mississippi, Lower Missouri, and Illinois Rivers flow frequency study. Plate E-1 is a map of the Kansas City District.

Study technical coordination included the periodic coordination and meetings with the Upper Mississippi Flow Frequency Task Force, internal coordination within the Kansas City District throughout the course of the study, and special coordination with other agencies and entities for data gathering, guidance and decision making throughout the study. Extensive coordination was required with all Corps of Engineers districts for data transfer and modeling. Quality control and review was implemented for the study and managed by the Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC) and the Corps of Engineers districts.

OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the Kansas City District's effort is to provide a definition of the flood hazards along the main stem of the Missouri River within the Kansas City District. This portion of the appendix covers the initial step in that process, which is the definition of the flood frequency regime on the river, considering the present (1999) state of water resource development in the basin.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

The most recent definitive studies of the Missouri River Hydrology in the Kansas City District under both unregulated and regulated conditions is contained in *Missouri River Agricultural Levee Restudy Program*, published in March 1962. This study included consideration of the existing and proposed reservoir systems on both the main stem and the principal tributaries of the Missouri River. The study also took into account the effect of loss of floodplain storage by routing several large floods down the river under conditions associated with various degrees of levee development.

The flood profiles corresponding to this hydrology were developed in 1979-1981 using an in-house one-dimensional standard step backwater program called KCD Backwater. Since the algorithms incorporated into this program are similar to those used by HEC-RAS, it is believed that these profiles are consistent with results that would have been obtained with the USACE standard backwater program HEC-2 and its successor program, HEC-RAS. The geometry used in the 1979-1981 study was based on 1977 overbank conditions and 1975 channel geometry. Since the publication of that data, these profiles have been used

as the basis of all Flood Insurance Studies and other water resource studies on the Missouri River.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This appendix is one of five district appendices describing the present day hydrology of the Upper Mississippi, Lower Missouri, and Illinois Rivers. This has been a cooperative effort of the St. Paul, Rock Island, St. Louis, Omaha and Kansas City Districts. Credit is due to the Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC) of Davis, California, for the technical guidance provided to study participants. Consulting services associated with the complex modeling of the Kansas and Osage River basins were provided by the Kansas City office of HNTB, Inc. Also, support dealing with the subject of stream flow depletions was provided by the Great Plains Regional Office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN DESCRIPTION

WATERSHED CHARACTERISTICS

The Missouri River basin is situated in the northern portion of west-central United States. It has a drainage area of about 524,110 square miles, which constitutes approximately 1/6 of the continental United States. From its origin in the headwaters of Red Rock Creek in Montana, it flows for a distance of 2,315 miles to its mouth just upstream of St. Louis, Missouri, making it the longest single waterway in the continental United States. The river has its origins in the Rocky Mountains. From a point near Wolf Point, Montana, the river begins its descent at a steady slope of about 0.90 feet/mile until it empties into the Mississippi River at St. Louis. The Missouri River basin contains all or parts of ten states and minor portions of the Canadian providences of Alberta and Saskatchewan. In its native state, the lower reaches of the Missouri River were described as an unruly river, with a constantly shifting, braided channel. Early valley residents described it as a "transient", meaning it seldom slept in the same bed two nights in a row. Banks were constantly collapsing, launching tree trunks into the river, which became the notorious snags that proved deadly to the early steamboats.

The Kansas City District (subsequently referred to as "the District") covers the lower 498 miles of the River from its mouth to Rulo, Nebraska. The total area of the District is about 109,200 square miles. The principal tributaries of the Missouri River within the District's boundaries are the Kansas and Osage Rivers, with drainage areas of 60,580 square miles and 15,088 square miles, respectively. Other significant tributaries are the Platte, Grand and Chariton Rivers on the left bank, and the Nemaha, Blue, Lamine, and Gasconade Rivers on the right bank. The escarpments which form the edges of the Missouri River floodplain in the district are generally about three miles in width, but they balloon out to widths of 12 to 18 miles in the area of Waverly, Missouri, and Rulo, Nebraska. Plate E-1 is a map of the District. Plates E-2, E-3, and E-4 are diagrams of the Missouri, Kansas and Osage Rivers showing the principal stream gaging stations, flood control lakes, and tributaries.

CLIMATOLOGY

Significant variations in climate occur within the District. The eastern portion lies within the humid climatic zone, with average annual rainfalls up to 40 inches in some places in the Ozark plateau. The western portion of the District lies in the semi-arid High Plains Region, with annual rainfalls as low as 16 inches. Generally, summers are hot and winters are comparatively moderate. The climate is classified as continental, characterized by wide ranges in temperature, and irregular annual and seasonal precipitation. Most precipitation occurs as rainfall during the growing season, but the Missouri River has experienced heavy flows in the past due to snowmelt in the High Plains. Peak flows in streams generally occur in the spring, and to some extent in the fall. Natural stream flow in the summer and winter months is generally lower. Summer time flows on the lower Missouri River are supplemented by releases from the Main Stem Reservoir System in the Omaha District. The mean annual runoff from the Missouri River Basin is 55.6 Million Acre-Feet, or about 2 inches over the entire basin.

FLOOD HISTORY

The Missouri River has been ravaged by floods throughout its history. The earliest great Missouri River flood for which records are available is the Great Flood of 1844. It is not possible to provide an accurate estimate of the magnitude of this flood. Other significant nineteenth century floods occurred in 1876, 1881 and 1883. An extended record of all floods at six Missouri River stream gages for the period 1898 to 1997 was developed as part of this study. A listing of the top ten floods based on either USGS published discharges or flow estimates derived from stage records is listed in Table E-1.

Rank	Rulo	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Waverly	Boonville	Hermann
	1952	1952	1951	1993	1993	1993
2	1993	1993	1903	1951	1903	1903
3	1984	1903	1993	1952	1951	1951
4	1947	1908	1952	1944	1944	1995
5	1949	1917	1908	1943	1947	1944
6	1944	1909	1943	1965	1909	1943
7	1950	1912	1915	1947	1908	1986
8	1943	1987	1974	1915	1927	1973
9	1960	1920	1944	1995	1943	1947
10	1951	1929	1909	1929	1995	1935

Table E-1 Top Ten Floods Missouri River Stream Gaging Stations

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

The major river in the District is the Missouri River. The largest tributaries to the Missouri within the District are the Kansas River and the Osage-Marais de Cygnes River. Other direct tributaries of the Missouri are the Platte (in Missouri and Iowa), the Grand and the Chariton Rivers. Principal tributaries of the Kansas River are the Republican, Smoky Hill, Big Blue and the Delaware Rivers. Water resources in the District have been extensively developed through the programs of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Flood Control Reservoirs. The District has eighteen lake projects which are operated for flood control and other purposes. All of these projects are on various tributaries of the Missouri River. A list of these lakes is given in Table E-2.

Corps of Engineers Lakes – Kansas City District						
Blue Springs	Clinton	Harlan County				
Hillsdale	Kanopolis	Long Branch				
Longview	Milford	Melvern				
Tuttle Creek	Pomona	Pomme de Terre				
Rathbun	Smithville	Stockton				
Harry S Truman	Perry	Wilson				

Table E-2 Corps of Engineers Lakes – Kansas City District

The Bureau of Reclamation operates eleven lake projects within the District. The principal purpose of these lakes is to store and distribute water for irrigation in the dryer western portion of the District. When floods threaten the region, the Kansas City District assumes temporary control of these projects and operates them for flood control purposes. A list of these lakes is given in Table E-3.

Bureau of Reclamation Lakes					
Bonny	Hugh Butler	Cedar Bluff			
Enders	Kirwin	Lovewell			
Keith Sebelius	Harry Strunk	Swanson			
Waconda	Webster				

Table E-3

Pertinent data for the flood control reservoir projects in the Kansas City District can be found on Plates E-21 through E-25**.**

Navigation. A commercial navigation channel has been established on the Missouri River by the Corps of Engineers. This channel was developed using the principle of confining the flow of the river into a specified channel through the use of groins, various types of dikes, and stone revetments. Construction of these facilities caused the Missouri River to develop and maintain a channel of proper navigation depth through natural scour processes. Releases from the main stem reservoirs are made during the navigation season in support of navigation. Total traffic on the system was 8.3 million tons in 1998. The bulk of this traffic is from Kansas City to the mouth. The largest single commodity moved in the system is classified as construction materials (sand, gravel and stone). The head of navigation is at Sioux City, Iowa, at river mile 734.8. There are no other commercially navigable waterways in the District.

Levees. By two separate Flood Control Acts (1941 and 1944), the Federal government authorized a comprehensive system of eighty-five Missouri River levees in the Kansas City District. Included in this authorization were five urban levees in the Kansas City metropolitan area. This levee system was intended to protect most of the productive floodplains along the river. The plan also provided for a floodway along the Missouri River. Twenty of these Federal levee projects have been completed to date. Construction of one additional levee is now underway, and a General Reevaluation Report (GRR) is in progress on one additional levee. In addition to these twenty levees, there is one very small urban levee at New Haven, Missouri, in the Federal system. Five Federal levees are in the immediate area of Kansas City, two are downstream of Kansas City, and the remainder are located between Kansas City and Rulo. The five Kansas City levees are considered urban levees and the remainder are agricultural. In aggregate, this system of Federal levees provides protection for about 153,000 acres.

In addition to this system of Federal levees, there are about 97 systems of non-Federal levees of 100 acres or more along the Missouri River within the District. These levees vary with respect to maintenance standards and levels of protection. In general they provide protection from the 20% to 4% chance floods. These levees provide protection to at least 476,000 acres of agricultural lands.

Missouri River Valley/Floodplain Characteristics. The present character of the Missouri River and its floodplains in the Kansas City District is influenced both by the natural physiographic and geological character of the river, and the works of man. The river floodplain is sharply defined by bluff lines. These bluff lines lie far back from the river in two significant reaches. These are the Rulo, Nebraska, area and the reach of river between the mouth of the Little Blue River and Glasgow, Missouri. The more confined reach of river from about RM 466 to the mouth of the Little Blue River (RM 340) has a bluff-tobluff distance of about 3 miles and contains most of the Federal levees in the District. The flows associated with significant events are generally contained by the levees in this reach. From the Mouth of the Little Blue River to Glasgow (RM 266), the left bank bluff line retreats to open up a floodplain that is 18 miles wide in places. The levees along this reach are non-Federal agricultural levees, which provide a moderate degree of flood protection. Waters associated with great flood events can overspread most of these very extensive floodplains. The bluff lines narrow to about 1.5 to 2 miles in width in the reach from Glasgow to St. Charles (RM 28.1). Except for the small Federal levee around New Haven, the levees in this reach are all non-Federal, and subject to overtopping. Because of the proximity of the bluff lines, the waters of great floods are reasonably confined in this narrow valley. Below St. Charles, the left bank of the Missouri River opens up allowing flood flows to spill over into the floodplain of the Mississippi River. Because of the Missouri River's much greater slope, flood spillage is always from the Missouri River into the Mississippi, never the reverse.

Irrigation. Irrigation is necessary to support modern high-volume agriculture in the arid and semi-arid portions of the Missouri River basin. The latest estimate of irrigated acreage in the entire Missouri River basin is 13,200,000 acres, which is about 4% of the total basin area. Most of this acreage is located upstream of the Kansas City District, but there is a significant irrigated acreage in the western portion of the Kansas River basin. Water withdrawals for irrigation reduce flows. The total estimated annual water consumption is now approaching 12 million acre-feet (MAF), most of which is irrigation water. The present level of outflow from the Missouri River basin is about 55.6 MAF.

Missouri River Drainage Areas. The Kansas City District's tabulation of the drainage areas and of the river mileages of the various tributaries dates from 1962. In order to expand the tabulation of tributary streams, a revised tabulation of Missouri River tributaries, the Missouri River river mileage at their mouths, and their drainage areas was produced. The 2003 USGS Huc11 and Huc14 data were used for the drainage areas. The latest Missouri River hydrographic survey was used for the river mileages. The basic Missouri River mileage for 1962 was used to determine the mile points on the Missouri River sailing line, with some minor adjustments in the absolute distance between those mile points. Since the drainage areas derived in this study differed slightly from those in the 1962 report, and an overall redefinition of drainage areas for the Missouri River basin was not in order, the area listed by USGS at the gage at Rulo, Nebraska, was used as published. The cumulative drainage areas on the Missouri River downstream from Rulo varied slightly from previously published values. This study therefore reports slightly different values than those appearing in the Omaha District report (Appendix F) for Missouri River drainage areas at the five gaging stations downstream of Rulo. These minor differences do not affect the computations used in the overall hydrology of the Missouri River.

HYDROLOGICAL ANALYSIS

METHODOLOGY

The following is a brief description of the work performed to estimate the frequency data for points along the Missouri River.

1.) The existing stream flow records for the main stem stream gaging stations were compiled for the periods when flow readings were collected at the gages. Prior to those periods, stage records at gage sites were translated into estimated flow records using old rating curves. The total time period covered by this extended record is 1898 to 1997.

2.) Watershed computer models were created for the Kansas and Osage River basins. These models were used to estimate the natural discharges for the period of record by removing the effects of the existing system of flood control reservoirs. Simpler models were created to remove the effects of the Smithville project on the Platte River in Missouri. These models were calibrated to observed records.

3.) The results from these studies were furnished to the Omaha District, where they were combined with depletions from the Bureau of Reclamation and routed down the Missouri River, producing an unregulated data set covering the period of analysis at each of the six main stem stream gaging stations within the District. The routing procedure is described in Appendix F.

4.) Data for gages upstream of the Kansas River were found to be subject to two independent flood series: a snowmelt series and a summer rainfall series. A combined probability analysis was performed on the gages at St. Joseph and Rulo.

5.) Data from the unregulated data sets was used to develop unregulated frequency curves using the program HEC-FFA. The statistics of the unregulated flows were

regionalized based on a regional shape estimation method that was devised in joint discussions by the Corps and the Interagency Technical Advisory Group (see Hydrologic Engineering Center 1999 and 2000).

6.) Another series of watershed models was created for the Kansas and Osage River basins, with the objective to represent probable basin outflows, assuming that the present system of flood control reservoirs was in place for the applicable period of analysis, and further assuming these structures were operated in compliance with current reservoir operating guidelines. Present level depletions were used in this analysis. Because the reservoir simulation models had to rely on gage records in these tributary streams, and these tributary records did not exist for the entire period of analysis, the reliable portion of this data set is shorter than the unregulated data set.

7.) These outflows were provided to the Omaha District for processing as described above. A data set of regulated flows for each of the six main stem gages was produced.

8.) Annual peak discharges from this data set were arrayed against the corresponding values from the unregulated data set for the valid period of overlapping data. Both data set columns were independently ranked by flow in descending order, and a relationship between regulated and unregulated flows was developed for each gage. This ranking procedure was recommended by HEC. Due to the paucity of data points on the right side of these graphs, it was necessary to supplement these data points with data from a series of synthetic floods developed by the Omaha District.

9.) The relationship developed in step 8 was applied to the unregulated frequency curves to develop a regulated flow frequency curve at each stream gaging station.

10.) These flood flow estimates at the gaging stations were extended to ungaged locations on the Missouri River using a relationship based on stream drainage area.

DATA BASE

The data bases necessary for the development and application of the various computer models that were used to develop the main stem hydrology of the Missouri River fell into three broad categories. These are:

- 1.) Gaging station data for main stem Missouri River gages.
- 2.) Gaging station data for key stream gages in the Kansas and Osage River basins.
- 3.) Meteorological data to support Kansas and Osage basin models.

All stream flow information generated and used in this study was stored and/or manipulated in the USACE data storage system known as DSS. All computer files containing this type of data are stored using a .dss extension on the file name. These data sets are available in the District files.

Main Stem Missouri River Stream Gages. There are six principal main stem gages used in this analysis. These stations are located at Hermann, Boonville, Waverly, Kansas City and St. Joseph in Missouri, and at Rulo, Nebraska. Currently continuous records of both stage and discharge are maintained for these stations. There are numerous other stage-only stations on the river, which were not used for the hydrologic analysis but were used in the calibration of flood profiles (see Hydraulics, the following section).

The overall study objectives required the use of a uniform set of flow records for a 100 year period for all principal stream gaging stations on the main stem of the Upper

Mississippi and Lower Missouri Rivers. The period selected was 1898 to 1997 (see HEC 2000). The data sources for these stations are as follows:

a.) Missouri River Commission (MRC) Stage Data. The MRC was created late in the nineteenth century to develop and install a navigation system on the Missouri River. As part of its duties it maintained daily gage records at a number of staff gages on the river. The MRC was disbanded in 1903.

b.) National Weather Service (NWS) Stage Data. The NWS essentially took over the maintenance and data publication duties for many of the MRC staff gages upon the demise of the MRC.

c.) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Stage Data. The USACE maintained a file on the staff gage at Rulo for a period of time.

d.) United States Geological Survey (USGS) Flow Data. The USGS assumed maintenance of the lower five gaging stations in the mid to late 1920's, and on the gage at Rulo, Nebraska, in 1949. The USGS data sets include both stage and flows.

The USGS flow records were taken as published and used in the study. The problem with the earlier stage-only data was to transform the older records of stage into flow records to complement and extend the USGS records. The first step in this process was to compile as complete a list as possible of daily stage records at each of the six stations prior to the commencement of the USGS records. This process was complicated by shifts in the gage datums used, and by shifts in the location of the staff gages. Once the stage record was compiled, then the oldest credible rating curve was applied to the data to translate stages into discharges. This process required considerable judgment. Since the focus of this study was on flood flows, care was taken to tailor the high flow portions of these records and a lesser scrutiny was applied to the lower discharges. There are multi-year periods where neither stage nor flow data exist for the gages at Waverly and Rulo. These gaps were filled by routing studies conducted by the Omaha District. The data sources for these main stem gages are given in Table E-4.

Gaging Station	MRC Stages	NWS Stages	COE Stages	USGS Flows	Routing Model Fill-in
Hermann	1873-1899	1900-1928		1928-Date	
Boonville	1883-1899	1900-1925		1925-Date	
Waverly	1883-1899	1915-1928		1928-Date	1900-1915
Kansas City	1873-1899	1900-1929		1929-Date	
St. Joseph	1873-1899	1900-1929		1929-Date	
Rulo	1886-1899		1929-1949	1949-Date	1900-1929

Table E- 4 Missouri River Main Stem Gaging Stations Data Sources and Periods of Record

Kansas River Basin Gages. This study required a continuous record of outflows from the Kansas River basin for observed, unregulated, and regulated conditions. The work necessary to complete this work element was done under contract with the Kansas City office of HNTB Architects Engineers Planners (HNTB). The contractor developed an HEC-HMS model of the basin, and then adjusted that model to reflect the appropriate level

of water resource development in the basin. The HEC-HMS model was based on a series of stream gaging station records within the Kansas River Basin. The stream gaging records (USGS) at several of the key stations dated back to 1919. Many of the other key stations, however, had shorter records. This necessitated the use of some techniques for lengthening the shorter records until a uniform length set of daily flow data sets for the period 1919 to 1997 was developed.

The HEC-HMS models developed for the Kansas and Osage River Basins were used exclusively to route flows from a series of tributary gages that are located upstream of the major reservoirs in these basins. These models were used to simulate the response of the principal flood control reservoirs in the Kansas and Osage River Basins to the historic inflows to those reservoirs. This enabled the District to provide an estimate of historic basin outflows for the pre-reservoir period. Also, these same models were used to remove the effects of reservoir operations from that part of the record when the reservoirs were in service. This was used to construct the unregulated data sets for the main stem gages. These models were used for routing purposes only and are not runoff models.

There were three techniques used to extend record lengths. All are based on the use of daily flow data sets from other, longer record gaging stations in the vicinity of the short record station. The technique of choice was multiple regression. The "missing" data was filled in by use of the following formula:

> $Ds = B0 + B2 D2 + B3 D3 + B4 D4 + \dots$ where D*s* = Daily discharge at short record station $B0 = A$ coefficient B*2*, B*3*.... = A coefficient applied to one (of several) long term stations D₂, D₃.... = Daily discharge at the same long term station

The appropriate coefficients were determined by applying standard statistical techniques to periods of time when the records from the short record station overlapped records from the longer record stations. If sufficient gage data was not available to support a multiple regression analysis, then one of two computational techniques known as MOVE procedures was applied. MOVE is an acronym for "Maintenance of Variance Extension". These are procedures that are based on the use of the statistical means of flows for overlapping periods of gaging station records as modified by the ratios of the standard deviations of those records, the length of the various records, and the sample estimate of product-moment correlation coefficients. These methods have been developed to extend short term records while maintaining the variance and hydrologic extremes of the short record station. Information on the specific MOVE procedure used in this study for the various gages is available in District files. An alternate procedure was sometimes required to extend the data sets at the reservoir sites. The technique used involved the ratio of the drainage areas of the long and short record gages raised to the ¾ power.

There are a number of reservoirs in the far upper reaches of the Republican, Solomon and Smoky Hill Rivers that were not directly modeled, but their effects were incorporated into the inflow data sets for the lower tier of reservoirs.

Table E -5 is a listing of the key gaging stations in the Kansas River basin used in this study, showing both the observed and extended period of record. The principal flood control reservoirs in the basin were also used in the model, thereby requiring extensions of their records. Table E -6 is a list of these reservoirs. Table E -7 is a list of Kansas River basin stream gages used in the extension process.

A schematic diagram of the Kansas River basin is presented on Plate E- 3 of this report. The physical positions of these gages relative to the main stem of the river and to the reservoir system can be seen on this diagram.

Table E- 5 Kansas River Basin Gaging Stations used in HEC-HMS Routing Model

 $*$ SM = square miles

Table E- 6 Kansas River Basin Flood Control Reservoirs used in HEC-HMS Routing Model Observed Conditions

 $*$ SM = square miles

River	Gage Location	Drainage Area (SM)*	Observed Period
Wakarusa	near Lawrence, KS	425	$4/01/20 - Date$
Delaware	Valley Falls, KS	922	6/01/22 - 9/30/67
Soldier Creek	near Topeka, KS	290	5/23/29 - 9/30/32; 7/27/35 - Date
Big Blue	Manhattan, KS	9,640	$10/01/50 - Date$
Big Blue	Randolph, NE	9100	$4/01/18 - 9/30/60$
Smoky Hill	near New Cambria, KS	11,730	12/01/48 - 9/30/53
Smoky Hill	Lindsborg, KS	8,110	3/01/20 - 7/05/22; 2/01/30 - 9/30/65
Smoky Hill	Langley, KS	7,857	10/01/40 - Date
Smoky Hill	Ellsworth, KS	7,580	10/01/19 - 7/04/25; 8/01/28 - Date
S. F. Solomon	Osborne, KS	2,012	$3/28/46 - Date$
N. F. Solomon	Portis, KS	2,315	$9/17/45 - Date$
Saline	near Wilson, KS	1,900	5/11/29 - 9/03/63
Republican	Milford, KS	24,900	10/01/50 - 3/31/64
Republican	below Milford Dam, KS	24,890	$10/01/93 - Date$
Republican	Clay Center, KS	24,542	$10/01/19 - Date$
Republican	Scandia, KS	22,903	$8/27/19 - 9/30/72$
Republican	near Bloomington, KS	21,020	$10/01/28 - 9/30/57$

Table E- 7 Kansas River Basin Gaging Stations used to Extend / Correlate Records Observed Conditions

 $*$ SM = square miles

Osage River Basin Gages. The Osage River basin portion of this study also required a continuous record of outflows from the Osage River basin for observed, unregulated, and regulated conditions. As in the Kansas River basin, this requirement was met by developing an HEC-HMS model of the basin, and then adjusting that model to reflect the appropriate level of water resource development in the basin. The HEC-HMS model was based on a series of stream gaging station records within the Osage River Basin. The available stream gaging records (USGS) in the basin did not permit the overall effective record of the key basin gaging stations to extend back beyond September 1931. As in the Kansas River basin, several key gaging stations had shorter records, necessitating the use of the record lengthening techniques. A uniform set of daily flow data sets for the period 1931 to 1997 was developed. The same three techniques used in the Kansas Basin were used in this basin except the record for the Osage River at Osceola, Missouri, which was extended using one of the HEC-HMS models.

There were two basic HEC-HMS models required for the Osage River basin. Truman Reservoir changed a significant reach of the Osage River from a normal stream to a lake. The normal routing techniques that are applicable for channel routing can no longer be applied to the lake. Therefore, a channel routing model with the Osceola gage as a node point was developed for the pre-Truman conditions. A lake routing model was developed for the post-Truman conditions. The overall schematic for the Osage River basin is shown on Plate E-4.

There are a several smaller flood control reservoirs in the upper portion of the Osage River basin. These reservoirs were not directly modeled, but their effects were incorporated into the inflow data sets for Truman Reservoir. The storage available at Truman is large enough to mask any effects these reservoirs may have on Missouri River flows. The second item of special interest is that an alternate procedure was sometimes required to extend the data sets at the reservoir sites. Because the correlation between gaging stations was too small to use the MOVE methodology, the technique used involved the ratio of the drainage areas of the long and short record gages raised to the ¾ power.

Table E- 8 is a listing of the key gaging stations and flood control reservoirs in the Osage River basin as used in this study, showing both the observed and extended period of record. Table E- 9 is a list of Osage River basin stream gages used in the extension process.

 $*$ SM = square miles

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² Extended using HEC-HMS model.

 $*$ SM = square miles

Meteorological Data. Precipitation and evaporation data were necessary components of the HEC-HMS models developed for the Kansas and Osage River basins. This data was used to compute changes in storage in the flood control lakes due to evaporation from the surface of the lake or precipitation falling directly on the lake. All of these flood control lakes have on-site weather stations that collect this type of data. These station records usually precede the effective onset of storage by a few years. Precipitation data for time periods prior to the installation of these project weather stations was derived from the closest available U.S. Weather Bureau (NOAA) station. These sources were also used to fill in gaps in the records of the Corps weather stations. The pan evaporation data was used to predict lake evaporation with the consequent loss of water from the system. It was necessary to apply a derived coefficient to the observed pan evaporation data to account for the observed differences between pan evaporation and lake evaporation. When pan evaporation data was not available, monthly average evaporation rates were used.

Depletions. Much of the western portion of the Missouri River Basin is in the area of the semi-arid western high plains province, where irrigation is widely practiced. Water for irrigation comes from both surface water and ground water sources. Although there is some return flow from irrigated land, much of the water used for irrigation is lost to evapotranspiration and is no longer a component of the surface water flow. Although there are other consumptive uses of water in the basin, irrigation is the largest single consumptive use. The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) conducted a study of historic consumptive uses in the Missouri River Basin as part of this overall hydrology study. The BOR study results were incorporated into the models used in this study. An expanded discussion of depletions may be found in the Omaha District Appendix F.

UNREGULATED FLOW

The unregulated data sets for each of the six principal Missouri River USGS gaging stations were developed in the following manner. It was first necessary to adapt an existing Missouri River routing model for use in this study. Next, routing models for the

two large tributaries in the Kansas City District were developed. These two basins both contain flood control reservoirs that have a significant effect on basin outflows. These models were necessary to be able to reflect the behavior of the flood control system for pre-reservoir conditions, and to remove the effects of the flood control system from the post-reservoir record. Finally, the effects of reservoir regulation were removed from the flow records for the upper Missouri River upstream of Gavins Point, South Dakota, and from the outflows of the Kansas and Osage Basins in NWK. These revised flows were routed down the Missouri River by the Omaha District, providing daily flow records for each of the six USGS gaging stations in the Kansas City District.

Missouri River Routing Models. The daily computed records of reservoir holdouts, tributary inflows, historic depletions, and ungaged local inflows were routed down the main stem of the Missouri River from Gavins Point, South Dakota, to the mouth using a computer model developed and used by the Reservoir Control Center (RCC) in the Northwestern Division Regional Office in Omaha, Nebraska. For a description of this model the reader is referred to the Omaha District Appendix F.

Kansas/Osage River Basin Models. Under its contract with the Kansas City District, HNTB, Inc. developed watershed models of the middle and lower portions of the Osage and Kansas River basins. The main purpose of these models was to compute basin outflows for the entire study period. Two separate models were constructed for each basin to reflect unregulated and regulated conditions. Both sets of models were calibrated to observed conditions prior to the production runs. The principal computer model used to simulate the movement of water through these basins was the Corps' program HEC-HMS. This program is the Corps' principal active hydrology model, capable of developing flow hydrographs at index points in a watershed, accumulating those hydrographs, routing those hydrographs, and a wide variety of other hydrological tasks such as floodwater storage, dam breaks, etc. The Muskingum-Cunge routing option was used in these studies.

Routing reaches and certain routing reach characteristics, including reach length and slope for the Kansas River basin, are given below in Table E-10. It is noted that several of these reaches are quite long, approaching 200 miles. As part of its calibration process, HNTB broke several of these longer reaches into short sections. No significant differences in outflow were noted, so these longer reaches were left in the model to increase its computational efficiency.

Table E- 10 Kansas River Basin Stream Reaches used in HEC-HMS Routing Model

* Upstream and downstream locations are all in Kansas, except for Harlan County Lake, Nebraska.

As previously noted, there were two models of the Osage River basin required for this study. The need for these models was driven by the change in basin response when the Truman project was completed. The reach characteristics for the Osage River basin models are given in Table E-11.

Upstream Location*	Downstream Location*	River	Stream Slope (feet / mile)	Length (miles)
Stockton Lake	Osceola	Sac	1.7	53.9
Stockton Lake	Truman Lake	Sac	1.7	31.5
Trading Post	Osceola	Marais de Cygnes/Osage	0.84	86
Trading Post	Truman Lake	Marais de Cygnes/Osage	0.84	40
Osceola	Lake of the Ozarks	Osage	0.95	46.6
Warsaw	Bagnell	Osage	0.90	94.5
Brownington	Lake of the Ozarks	South Grand	1.1	39
Pomme de Terre	Lake of the Ozarks	Pomme de Terre	2.4	52.4
Pomme de Terre	Truman Lake	Pomme de Terre	2.4	22
Bagnell	St. Thomas	Osage	0.80	37.4
St. Thomas	Mouth	Osage	0.69	43.1

Table E- 11 Osage River Basin Stream Reaches used in HEC-HMS Routing Model

* Upstream and downstream locations are all in Missouri, except for Trading Post, Kansas.

The models were calibrated by adjusting the Manning's resistance coefficients in the model until the routed hydrographs reasonably matched the observed hydrographs at the downstream end of the reach in question. It was necessary to subdivide the record, both by time period and then by discharge to develop a satisfactory set of coefficients to cover the entire period of record. Once these calibrated coefficients were determined, they were used in all subsequent phases of the study. A sensitivity analysis was performed on the model by comparing routed flows with observed flows.

Once these models were calibrated, the first task was to determine the incremental flow which entered the stream system between gages for the period of record. The term applied to this flow is ungaged lateral inflow. This flow was computed for each downstream gage location by routing an observed flow record from an upstream gage down to the gage in question. Next this routed data was subtracted from the observed data at the downstream gage. The resultant record is a daily estimate of the inflow between those two gages for the entire period of record. The ungaged lateral inflows computed by this process were used for both the unregulated and regulated flow versions of these models. The ungaged lateral inflow records were added into the flow stream of the models at the appropriate downstream gages.

The final step prior to running the models for the unregulated data sets was to compute the holdouts for each of the flood control reservoirs for their periods of active service. In its simplest form, a "holdout" can be considered to be the effects of the reservoir, or water that is either removed or added to the downstream flow. Holdouts are treated as flow sources in the computational process and can be positive or negative, and can be used to either add reservoir effects into the record, or to remove the effects of one or more reservoirs. The computation of holdouts is based on the premise that the water surface of the preimpounded stream is 15% of the water surface of the lake. This 15% estimate is based on the ratio of the impounded lake surface to the surface area of the stream prior to the

construction of the dam. These daily unregulated flow data sets were routed to the Missouri River using the appropriate HMS model.

Due to the length of record for tributary gages, the outflow from the Kansas River basin could not be simulated prior to 1919 using the process described above. Because the records of the key tributary gages in the Osage River basin are even shorter, this process could not be used for data prior to 1930. For the years prior to 1919, flow from the Kansas River basin was treated computationally as a component of the ungaged local inflow in the reach between the St. Joseph and Kansas City gages. Appropriate corrections were made for estimated Kansas River basin depletions. In like manner, the outflow of the Osage River basin prior to 1930 was estimated as a component of the ungaged local inflow between the Boonville and Hermann gages, but adjustments for depletions in that basin were not warranted. This computational procedure permitted the construction of unregulated flow data sets for the main stem gages extending back to 1898. This, in turn, allowed the data sets used in the unregulated flow frequency analysis to include the entire 1898–1997 period.

Since the regulated flow data sets in the Kansas City District are heavily dependent on the reservoir effects within the Kansas and Osage River basins, and, because the effectiveness of those systems of reservoirs depend upon the footprints of severe rainfall events, those effects could not be reliably simulated prior to the dates listed above. Therefore, the extended regulated record is only valid from 1920 on for the Kansas City, Waverly and Boonville gages, and from 1930 on for the gage at Hermann. A full "regulated" data set for all of the Kansas City gages was produced using the Daily Routing Model (DRM), but it used various "fill in" techniques for the outflows of these two basins. The data produced for regulated flows in this early period is not of the same quality or validity as the data produce after these tributary models became functional, and should not be used.

Minor Tributary Models. Models of the Platte, Chariton, and Little Chariton Rivers were required due to the presence of the Smithville, Rathbun and Long Branch flood control reservoirs. The models developed for this purpose were spreadsheet models relying on lag routing processes. These same lag routing methods are used on a daily basis by the water control unit in the Kansas City District. These reservoirs only control minor portions of the overall drainage area, and do not have a significant effect on flood peaks on the main stem of the Missouri River.

Final Unregulated Data Sets. The unregulated data sets from the models described above were combined with the ungaged local inflow data sets and depletions, and routed down the river by the Omaha District using the DRM. This produced a simulated daily flow record for each of the six principal Missouri River USGS gaging stations for the period 1898-1997. The annual maximum peak discharges were extracted from these records, and used as an annual series to develop the unregulated flow frequency curves.

REGULATED FLOW

Regulated flows are considered to be those discharges one would expect to encounter on the Missouri River with the present system of flood control reservoirs in place. The regulated flow data set is the series of peak annual discharges that would have occurred over the 1898-1997 period with those flood control reservoirs in place and functioning as designed. In order to construct a simulated flow record for regulated conditions, it was necessary to construct a series of regulated flow models.

Flows upstream of reservoir sites are considered to be historical inflows into those reservoirs. When simulating regulated flow conditions, allowances were made for evaporation from flood control lakes, and precipitation on those lakes. Flow modifications caused by flood control reservoirs can be broadly grouped into two categories, those attributable to the main stem projects, and those attributable to the flood control reservoirs on Missouri River tributaries in the Kansas City District. A description of the main stem reservoirs and the techniques used to model their effects can be found in Appendix F. This Appendix contains a description of the development of regulated data sets for the Kansas, Osage and Platte River (Missouri) basins.

Missouri River Routing Model. The model used for routing estimated reservoir holdouts, upstream flows, tributary flows, present level depletions, and ungaged local inflows down the Missouri River was the Daily Routing Model, or DRM. This is a model developed in the Reservoir Control Center in the Omaha Regional Office of the Northwestern Division. A thorough discussion of this model and its capabilities can be found in Appendix F.

Kansas/Osage River Basin Models. The regulated outflows from the Kansas and Osage River basins were computed with the aid of a complex watershed modeling system. Initially it was thought possible to describe the effect of the reservoir system using an EXCEL spreadsheet model. These reservoir effects would then be routed through the system using essentially the same HEC-HMS model that was used for the development of the unregulated data sets. The reservoir effects proved to be too complex for an EXCEL spreadsheet, so a model based on Microsoft Access, supported by the Visual Basic programming language, was chosen. The computational sequence was as follows and is described in detail in the following paragraphs. First, the input data was analyzed, and the individual reservoir operations were determined using the Access model. A series of reservoir outflow data files was generated by these operations. These operations involved routing reservoir outflows downstream in the Access models. The final regulated data sets were generated by the appropriate HEC-HMS model, using the reservoir outflow data sets and the observed lateral inflows computed previously.

Regulation Manuals. The first step in the process of developing the Access operating models for the basins was to read and digest the regulation manuals for the major flood control reservoirs in the two basins. All District reservoirs have three different pools. These are generally known as the multipurpose pool, the flood control pool, and the surcharge pool. The multipurpose pool resides at the lowest elevation in a reservoir of all the pools. When in this pool, a reservoir is operated for recreation, fish and wildlife, low flow augmentation, water supply, and other similar purposes as authorized. The controlling factors on a project's releases are downstream minimum release rates. As stormwater inflow causes lake levels to rise, a project moves into the flood control pool and the operational scenarios become much more complex. The overall operational

objective becomes one of providing the maximum degree of flood control benefits consistent with the need to insure the integrity of the project. When flood control storage is distributed among several projects, coordination of releases with adjacent projects is required. Releases are governed by a seasonally adjusted schedule that is divided into three distinct phases. These phases are based on the amount of impounded storage and the non-damage capacity of the downstream channel. When a reservoir's pool has risen through the flood control pool, the project is said to be in surcharge storage. The operational objective at this point is simply to release inflow and deplete stored floodwaters in the interest of protecting the structural integrity of the project. Surcharge levels are reached only on rare occasions.

A decision was made early in the study process to structure the Access model to reflect reservoir operations as they are specified in the regulation manuals. Many past operations have been conducted under authorized exceptions to the rules specified in the manuals.

Kansas River Basin Model. Of the 18 flood control reservoirs in the Kansas River basin, only 8 are used directly in the regulated flow analysis. The other ten projects are in the remote upper reaches of the Kansas River basin. These projects provide local flood control benefits and are operated with those ends in mind. The effects of the operations of these remote projects has been accounted for by the Bureau of Reclamation in their development of the inflow data sets for the eight major downstream projects.

Two separate Access models for the Kansas River basin were required. These models were labeled the Upper Kansas River Basin model and the Lower Kansas River Basin model, with the stream gage at Enterprise, Kansas, forming the demarcation line. The upper basin model incorporates Kanopolis, Wilson and Waconda Lakes which have a combined flood control storage of 1,621,000 Acre Feet (AF). These three reservoirs provide control over 76% of the river basin upstream of the Enterprise gage. This model is operated to produce an outflow record set at that gage. The second model, known as the Lower Kansas River Basin model, used the outflow from the upper model as input, and incorporated the effects of the Harland County, Milford, Tuttle Creek, Perry and Clinton flood control reservoirs. In addition to operations in the interest of flood control in the Kansas River basin, this system of reservoirs is operated for flood control on the main stem Missouri River using the Waverly gage as the target index point.

Upper Basin Operating Algorithm. There are three different reservoirs in this model, each having three different possible pools (multipurpose, flood control and surcharge). For each day in the record, the model algorithm first determined a tentative release for each project as if that project were operating alone. If the project were in the multipurpose pool, the project releases were simply in accordance with a predetermined low flow release schedule. Operations in the flood control pool were more complicated. Lake stages in the lower range of the flood control pool, called minor impoundments, triggered a process of pool evacuation in a ten-day target period. Greater levels of flood control storage called for releases depending on the stage of the water levels in the reservoir. All flood control releases, of course, are subject to the physical capacity of the outlet works. After the tentative project releases from each project were determined, then these flows were routed

to controlling gages where the ungaged local inflow is added into the flow stream. The sum of the outflows is then checked against the allowable or target flow at this station. If the summed flows are less than the target flow, the tentative flows were accepted and the computation proceeded to the next day. If the summation of flows was greater than the gage target, then the outflow was allocated among the three reservoirs based on a formula using the present level of storage in each reservoir, a factor known as the lake character (a function of the lake's 25 year flood volume), its minimum release at $\frac{1}{2}$ surcharge pool, its surcharge storage capacity, and the Phase II release from the project. (The Phase II release is the maximum non-damaging flow, or essentially bankfull flow.) The physical capacity of the various outlet works and the flood control phases of the several projects are also factors in determining the final releases from each of the three projects.

The algorithm began with an analysis of the upstream two projects, Kanopolis and Wilson and operated them against the gage at New Cambria, Kansas, (see Plate E-3 for a diagram of the Kansas River basin). The computation then proceeded downstream to include those operations and the operation of Waconda, and operated all three projects against the gage at Enterprise, Kansas. If one or more of these projects was in a surcharge pool, then discharges from that project could not be throttled, and appropriate adjustments were made in the discharges from the other projects, if possible. The final flows from each of the three reservoirs were determined by this specified balancing procedure.

The next step was to use the computed daily release for each project, together with reservoir inflow, evaporation and precipitation data to compute the change in storage (and lake level) at each project. This storage level would serve as the starting point for the next day's computation. The final step was to route these releases to the gage at Enterprise, Kansas, and the computation proceeded to the next day.

Lower Basin Operating Algorithm. The analysis of the lower Kansas River basin was similar to that of the upper basin except that the computed discharge from the gage at Enterprise, Kansas, was used in the model without modification. There are four flood control reservoirs in the Lower Kansas River basin – Harlan County, Milford, Perry and Clinton. While this adds an order of magnitude to the complexity of the computations, it does not change the basic analytical procedure. The Harlan County reservoir is on the Republican River about 200 miles upstream of the Milford Reservoir. Hence all computed outflows from the Milford project are based on the storage status of these two reservoirs. The computations proceeded in an upstream to downstream order. First, the tentative releases from the Harlan County and Milford projects were taken with the previously computed discharge at Enterprise and routed to the gage on the Kansas River at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and checked. Next, the tentative releases from the Tuttle Creek project were added and these routed discharges were checked at the Kansas River gages at Wamego, Kansas, and Topeka, Kansas. Next the Perry releases were added to the flow stream and checked at the gage at Lecompton, Kansas. The final increment involved adding the Clinton releases and checking at the Kansas River gage at Desoto, Kansas, and the Missouri River gage at Waverly, Missouri. As the model cascaded through this process, intermediate checks were made at the key gages. If any of these checks proved unsatisfactory, then the specified flow balancing procedure was initiated, appropriate

adjustments were made to the project outflows, and the computations started over again with the Ft. Riley gage. As with the upper basin model, once the final daily outflows for each project were determined, the change in storage was computed and the computations proceeded to the next day.

It should be noted that the computations performed in the Access model involved routing flows down the various streams in the Kansas River basin. A special routing algorithm was incorporated into that model for that purpose. However, once the project outflows were estimated by the Access model, these outflows were transferred to the same HEC-HMS model used to route the observed and unregulated data sets. The final routings were performed by the HEC-HMS model, providing a compatible output data set

Osage River Basin Model. The Osage River basin model was much simpler than the Kansas River model. The effects of the reservoirs west of the Missouri-Kansas state line are inconsequential to Missouri River flows, and were dealt with by minor modifications to the inflow records at the Trading Post, Kansas, gage. The model was essentially a four reservoir model, namely Stockton, Pomme de Terre, Truman, and Bagnell (Lake of the Ozarks). The bulk of the storage in this basin in behind the Truman Dam. The model algorithm started with an analysis of the status and outflows from Stockton and Pomme de Terre projects, with appropriate adjustments as specified in the regulation manuals. These inflows were combined with the unregulated inflows into Truman Lake. The Truman project was operated against the discharge at the Osage River gage at St. Thomas, Missouri. The Lake of the Ozarks has no flood control storage and appears as a simple routing reach in the model. A secondary control target which overrides the St. Thomas, Missouri, gage during significant Missouri River flooding is the gage at Hermann, Missouri. As previously noted, the regulated record provided by this model began in September 1931.

Limitations on Regulated Flow Determinations for the Kansas and Osage River Basins. Because of the limitations imposed by the lack of tributary gage data for the early part of the 20th century, the regulated outflows form the Kansas River Basin could not be simulated prior to 1919 by the above-described process. Likewise, the regulated Osage River Basin outflows prior to 1930 could not be simulated. As described above, a "fill in" process was used in the DRM to estimate regulated basin outflows, but this process does not provide information of the same quality as that described above. In practical terms, this means that the regulated record at the Hermann gage prior to 1930 was not used, and the regulated records for the gages at Boonville, Waverly and Kansas City prior to 1919 were not used. The regulated records for the gages at St. Joseph and Rulo, which were not subject to the limitations of tributary gage records, were usable for the entire 100 year study period.

Minor Tributary Models. Holdouts were also needed for the Platte (Missouri), Chariton, and Little Chariton Rivers for use in the unregulated and regulated analysis of the main stem Missouri River. Each minor tributary has one USACE flood control reservoir authorized to provide flood control benefits along the tributary downstream as well as on the main stem Missouri River. Smithville Lake is located on the Little Platte tributary of

the Platte River upstream of Sharps Station, Missouri. Rathbun Lake is located in the headwaters area on the main stem of the Chariton River. Long Branch Lake is located on the main stem of the Little Chariton River. The locations of the reservoirs are shown on Plate E-1. The tributary holdouts were computed as the difference between the unregulated flows and the observed flows. The reservoir storage effects from Smithville Lake and the Kansas River basin reservoirs are lumped in the holdout file at the Kansas City gage. The storage effects from Rathbun and Long Branch Lakes are lumped in the holdout file for the gage at Boonville, Missouri. The District used a spreadsheet analysis to determine both the unregulated and regulated flows from the three tributaries. Both the unregulated and the regulated analysis of the Platte River were carried in one spreadsheet. The analysis of the Chariton and Little Chariton Rivers were combined in a second spreadsheet. The holdouts determined by these spreadsheet analyses were routed down to the Missouri River, and combined with the appropriate input files for use in the main Missouri River routing models.

Regulated Data Sets. A "first cut" run of the outflows from these basins was made using estimated flows at the downstream Missouri River target gages. Then the Omaha District performed an initial routing with the DRM to obtain Missouri River estimated outflows. This initial routing produced a better estimate of the flows at the Missouri River target gages. A "second pass" was then made for the tributary models using these new target flows. This produced an improved set of basin outflows that was furnished to Omaha for a final run using the DRM model. This final run produced a simulated daily flow record for each of the six main stem gaging stations. The annual maximum peak discharges were extracted from these records. These regulated data sets were used to develop the unregulated versus regulated flow frequency relationships in a process described below in the paragraph titled *Regulated Flow Estimates.*

DATA SUMMARIES

Plates E-5 through E-10 are a series of summaries of the various observed and computed peak annual instantaneous flows for each of the Kansas City District Missouri River gaging stations for the period 1898 through 1997. The flows presented are the USGS observed flows, the unregulated flows (both with and without depletions), and the regulated flows (both with and without depletions).

FREQUENCY ANALYSIS

HYDROLOGIC DATA ANALYSIS

Studies conducted by the Omaha District found that the upper reaches of the Missouri River are subject to two independent flood sources. These two periods are defined as the snowmelt season (1 January to 30 April) and the rainfall season (1 May to 31 December). This conclusion was supported by the independent review of the Technical Advisory Group for this study (HEC 2000). The reaches affected extend through the Omaha District down into the upper reaches of the Missouri River in the Kansas City District. For the purposes of this Appendix, the stream gages at Rulo and St. Joseph are affected, but no evidence of a mixed population could be found downstream of the mouth of the Kansas

River. The computational techniques used in these circumstances are different from those used for the normal single source flood records. This split the analysis in the Kansas City District into two separate analyses $-$ a standard analysis of the four gaging stations downstream of the Kansas River, and a mixed population analysis for the two gages upstream of the Kansas River. The frequency analysis for the Kansas City, Waverly, Boonville and Hermann gages presented in this report are standard analysis of annual peak data using the methods outlined in *Guidelines For Determining Flood Flow Frequency*. The analysis of the gages at Rulo and St. Joseph followed the procedures for the analysis of mixed populations as specified in Chapter 10 of EM 1110-2-1415 *Hydrologic Frequency Analysis*.

Peak annual flows for each of the six Missouri River gages in the District are given on Plates E-5 through E-10 in this report. These listed flows include regulated and unregulated flows with depletions as defined above, regulated and unregulated flows without depletions, the USGS gage records, and the pre-USGS stage-based records. Records of daily flows at each of the six gages in DSS format are maintained in the Kansas City District office.

Before processing the daily flow data, it was necessary to convert these daily flow values to instantaneous peak discharges for use in the frequency analyses. This was done by comparing the daily flow values from the extended "observed" data set with the published USGS peak flows. A series of simple equations, all with high (>0.99) correlation coefficients (r^2) , were developed for these gages. The equations derived for the six Missouri River gages in the Kansas City District are given in Table E-12.

Table E-12 Conversion of Peak Daily Flow to Instantaneous Flow Missouri River Gages

Where: $Q =$ Peak Instantaneous Flow $D =$ Peak Daily Flow

UNREGULATED FREQUENCY ANALYSES

Missouri River Gages Downstream of the Kansas River. The unregulated data sets as described above were analyzed using the computer program HEC-FFA. A regionalization process was employed to reduce statistical sampling error and promote consistency in the frequency curve estimates (HEC 2000). The station statistics from the analyses of these gages, and the regional skew assigned to this reach of the river by the TAG are given on Table E-13.

Station Statistics for Omregulated Prequencies							
	Hermann	Boonville	Waverly	Kansas City			
Drainage Area*	524,200	501,700	487,200	485,200			
Mean	5.5337	5.4577	5.4141	5.4139			
Std Deviation	0.1658	0.1554	0.1430	0.1430			
Regional Skew	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17			

Table E-13 Missouri River Gages Downstream of the Kansas River Station Statistics for Unregulated Frequencies

*Drainage Area in square miles

The Waverly gage is located in a reach of the Missouri River where the bluff lines have widened out to provide a floodplain which is as much as 18 miles in width. The Grand River, which is in the prehistoric valley of the Missouri River, enters the Missouri in this reach. The Grand River also has an extremely wide floodplain. These floodplains are mostly in agriculture uses. While there are two large Federal levees in the area providing a high degree of flood protection, most of the area is protected by lower level private levees. As great floods overtop these levees, large amounts of overbank flood storage become available. As great flood waves move through this reach, the actual flow in the river channel tends to reach a certain level and then plateau. Additional water from a rising upstream hydrograph will contribute some water to the flow in the channel and its immediate overbanks, but most of this additional water goes into active or passive overbank storage. The proper method to account for the effects of great floods is to evaluate the floodplain using unsteady flow modeling techniques. The second phase of the Upper Mississippi River System Flow Frequency Study used a modified version of the unsteady flow model UNET to establish daily flows for the entire period of record at all cross sections on the Missouri River. This modified version incorporated a special algorithm which accounts for levee rupture, floodwater storage within failed levees, and floodplain flow landward of those failed levees. The results of the UNET analysis was used to verify the flow estimates for infrequent floods at the Waverly gage.

Plots of the HEC-FFA frequency versus discharge relationships for these four gages are found on Plates E- 11 to E-14.

Missouri River Gages Upstream of the Kansas River. There are two main stem gages upstream of the mouth of the Kansas River in the Kansas City District. Each of the records at these stations was analyzed individually, and the gages were also analyzed as a unit for the purpose of regional frequency analysis. Computer program HEC-FFA was used for this purpose

As noted above, these two gages were evaluated using a mixed distribution (or split season) analysis. Each calendar year was divided into two seasons, referred to herein as the snowmelt season and the rainfall season. The first four months of the calendar year are considered to be the snowmelt season, with the remainder of the year as the rainfall season. The combined probability theorem is described in Chapter 10 of EM 1110-2-1415 *Hydrologic Frequency Analysis*. The regionalization process for the estimation of skews

for the two independent seasons involved the use of the gaging station at Nebraska City, Nebraska. Since that gage lies in the Omaha District, no data will be presented herein for that gage. The reader is referred to Appendix F for a discussion of that gage. The data derived for unregulated flows at the St. Joseph and Rulo gages is presented in Table E-14. HEC-FFA plots for the unregulated rainfall and snowmelt seasons for the St. Joseph gage are shown on Plates E-15 and E-16. Plate E-17 is a plot of the combined frequency curve at St. Joseph.

		St. Joseph		Rulo
Drainage Area*	420,300		414,900	
Season	Rainfall Snowmelt		Snowmelt	Rainfall
Mean	5.101	5.320	5.084	5.306
Std Deviation	0.225	0.121	0.223	0.117
Regional Skew	0.077 -0.9		0.077	-0.9

Table E- 14 Missouri River Gages Upstream of the Kansas River Station Statistics for Unregulated Frequencies

*Drainage Area in square miles

Because of the physiographic characteristics of the Missouri River floodplain in the vicinity of the Rulo gage, which are similar to those at the Waverly gage, flow estimates for floods greater than the 1% chance flood were established via the UNET unsteady flow analysis.

REGULATED FLOW ESTIMATES

The methodology adopted by the UMRSFFS study team involved developing a relationship between the unregulated peak discharges and the regulated peak discharges at each gage. This process is described in Paragraph 3-9 of EM 1110-2-1415 *Hydrologic Frequency Analysis.* For this study, the peak annual unregulated and regulated flows were each listed in separate columns in a spreadsheet. Each column was ranked independently in descending order. The ranked columns were then plotted with the unregulated flow on the abscissa axis versus the regulated flows as the ordinate. A mathematical relationship between unregulated and regulated discharges was then derived based on the plotted data. Ideally this process should yield a meaningful mathematical relationship, but this was not possible due to the paucity of large flood events necessary to define the high discharge portion of the relationship. To provide data points for the high discharge portion of these curves, a series of synthetic large flood events was employed. These floods were developed by the Omaha District, and a description of their derivation can be found in Appendix F. It was not possible to develop an acceptable mathematical relationship for these graphs, so graphical relationships, focusing on large floods, were developed and utilized. This graphical process was recommended to the District by HEC and Northwestern Division, USACE. Plots of these graphs can be found on Plates E-18 and E-19.

The final step in the process was to apply the relationships between unregulated and regulated flows to the unregulated frequency estimates to determine regulated frequency estimates. The final regulated frequency estimates from this process are given in Table E-15.

Table E-15 Regulated Flow Frequencies and Discharges* Kansas City District Gages

*Discharge in cubic feet per second (cfs)

These estimates have been verified in the UNET period-of-record hydraulic analysis of the Missouri River. Since that process is computationally independent of the statistical process described herein, these discharges are considered to be reasonable. Because of the truncated records on the Kansas and Osage Rivers, and the limitations they placed on the simulation of the tributary reservoirs, the full 100 year period should not be used for the effective record length at any of these gages. A record length of 70 years is recommended. There are minor differences between the above listed estimates for rare floods at the gage at Rulo and the estimates for the same location published by the Omaha District. These differences are due to the slightly different techniques used by the two Districts. When the UNET period-of-record analysis was conducted by the two districts, no significant differences in water surface profiles were noted.

The final step in this process was to estimate flood flows at ungaged locations on the Missouri River. In order to accomplish this task, it was first necessary to update the 1965 estimates of Missouri River drainage areas in the Kansas City District. That process was described earlier in this Appendix under the topic, "Missouri River Drainage Areas". The next step was to develop DA versus Q relationships for each frequency flood. The Missouri River was divided into two reaches at the mouth of the Kansas River for this purpose. These relationships were then applied at ungaged areas using the drainage area as the independent variable. The results of this study are given on Plate E-20. These flows were used as input for the UNET period-of-record profile development in the hydraulics phase of this study. The discharges presented in Plate E-20 were verified by a Pearson III analysis conducted as part of the hydraulics study.

PART II

HYDRAULICS

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM FLOW FREQUENCY STUDY

APPENDIX E

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT

INTRODUCTION

STUDY DESCRIPTION

One of the products of the Upper Mississippi River System Flow Frequency Study (UMRSFFS) is a set of water surface profiles for various frequency floods on the upper Mississippi, lower Missouri, and lower Illinois Rivers. The Kansas City District is responsible for those profiles for that portion of the lower Missouri River extending from Rulo, Nebraska, at River Mile (RM) 498, downstream to the Missouri River's confluence with the Mississippi River. Hydraulic modeling based on the computer program UNET was used in this process. The Qmodel in the Kansas City District covered of 498 river miles of the main stem of the Missouri River and 360 river miles of tributaries. Figure E-1 is a schematic of the Missouri River in the Kansas City District. The schematic shows key stream gaging stations on the Missouri River and some of the tributaries, stream junctions (by river mile), and some limited data on stream drainage areas.

Figure E-1.
UNET HYDRAULIC MODEL

UNET is the hydraulic analysis computer program selected for use in the Upper Mississippi River System Flow Frequency Study (UMRSFFS). UNET is a onedimensional, unsteady open-channel flow computer model program that can simulate flow in single reaches or complex networks of interconnected reaches. Another capability of UNET is the simulation of storage areas, which is used to simulate the interaction of the river with levees. Storage areas are lake-like regions that can either divert water from, or provide water to, a river or channel. See referenced UNET Users Manual (Apr 2001) and Barkau (1992). The present study is the first time this type of unsteady flow model has been used to produce water surface profiles for various flood frequencies on a major river.

Dr. Robert L. Barkau is the author and developer of the UNET computer program. The USACE Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC) maintains, distributes, and supports the standard version of UNET for Corps of Engineers' offices. In order to deal with the unique problems of the Missouri River in the Kansas City District, particularly the levee systems, Dr. Barkau developed a customized version of UNET for this study.

STUDY AREA DESCRIPTION

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

The Missouri River Basin comprises 74 percent of the total upper Mississippi River Basin. The total drainage area of the Missouri River Basin is 524,110 square miles. The Missouri River drainage area within the Kansas City District is about 109,200 square miles.

The Missouri River rises in the northern Rocky Mountains along the continental divide, and flows generally south and eastwardly to join the Mississippi River about 15 miles upstream of St. Louis, Missouri. At 2,315 miles (1960 mileage), it is the longest river in the United States. The Kansas City District encompasses approximately 109,200 square miles of the Missouri River drainage basin from Rulo, Nebraska, downstream to the mouth. The Missouri River basin contains numerous reservoirs and impoundments constructed by different interests for flood control, irrigation, power production, recreation, and water supply.

From Rulo to Kansas City, the Missouri River flows through the dissected till plains of the central lowlands. Downstream of Kansas City, the river flows along the northern border of the Osage Plains and the Ozark Plateau to a point near St. Charles, Missouri, where it reenters the central lowlands to join the Mississippi River. The Missouri River contributes 42 percent of the long-term average annual flow of the Mississippi River at St. Louis, and is the major contributor of sediment in the upper Mississippi River Basin.

Between Rulo, Nebraska, and the mouth at St. Louis, the Missouri River has a total fall of about 451 feet and the average slope varies from 0.8 to 1.0 foot per mile. The river within this reach contains approximately 865 miles of bankline in Missouri, 140 miles in Kansas, and eight miles in Nebraska. The fringe area along the river is covered with willows and

other trees. The floodplains are comparatively wide and for the most part are under cultivation. The width of the floodplain varies from a maximum of approximately thirteen miles to a minimum of approximately 1.5 miles. The actual floodway decreases to less than 0.5 mile in reaches with urban levees at St. Joseph, Kansas City, and St. Charles.

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN RESERVOIRS

The Missouri River Basin contains numerous reservoirs and impoundments. The Corps of Engineers has constructed six large upstream Missouri River multipurpose dams on the main stem of the Missouri River in the Omaha District. All reservoirs within the Kansas City District are constructed on tributaries of the Missouri River. These include eighteen multiple-purpose lake projects constructed by the Corps and eleven lake projects constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau). The eleven Bureau lake projects are all in the Republican and Smoky Hill River Basins. These rivers are tributaries to the Kansas River. The Bureau operates these lake projects primarily for the storage and distribution of water for irrigation, while the Kansas City District assumes operational responsibility for flood control. These lakes then become part of the Kansas River flood control system. The Corps projects are listed on Table E-2, and the Bureau projects are listed on Table E-3 in "*Part I: Hydrology*" of this Appendix. Detailed data on these reservoir projects are presented in Plates E-21 through E-25.

MISSOURI RIVER TRIBUTARIES

Major tributaries of the Missouri River are included as separate routing reaches in the UNET hydraulic model. Tributary cross section data was obtained from United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute series quadrangle topographic maps. Tributary modeling is of limited detail and intended for inflow routing only. Tributaries are modeled from the last downstream USGS gaging station on the tributary to the tributary's confluence with the Missouri River. The twelve major tributaries to the Missouri River from Rulo, Nebraska, to the confluence with the Mississippi River are described in the following paragraphs. There are two more tributaries, which are located upstream of Rulo, in the Kansas City District UNET model for this study. Descriptions of these two tributaries may be found in the Omaha District Appendix F.

Big Nemaha River – Enters Missouri River at RM 494.9. The Big Nemaha River is a right bank tributary of the Missouri River that drains 1926 square miles in southeastern Nebraska and northeastern Kansas, of which 1315 square miles lie in Nebraska. Basin elevations range from about 840 feet at the mouth of the Big Nemaha River to a maximum of 1535 feet. Stream slopes vary from two feet per mile in the lower reaches to over twenty feet per mile on some tributaries of the Big Nemaha River. There no major impoundments in the Big Nemaha River basin.

Nodaway River – Enters Missouri River at RM 462.9. The Nodaway River is a left bank tributary of the Missouri River that rises in the low, flat divide of southwest Iowa between the Missouri and Mississippi River basins. It flows southwesterly through Iowa, and then southerly through the northwest corner of Missouri to its confluence with the Missouri River. The Nodaway River is considered to be a small stream with a relatively low average discharge of 524 cfs despite its relatively large drainage area of 1935 square miles.

Platte River – Enters Missouri River at RM 391. The Platte River is a left bank tributary of the Missouri River that rises in the low, flat divide of southwest Iowa. It flows in a generally southerly direction through Iowa and Missouri. The Platte River basin drains an area of 2503 square miles, of which 32% is in Missouri and 68% is in Iowa. The major impoundment in the basin is a Corps reservoir, Smithville Lake, which is on the Little Platte River.

Kansas River **–** Enters Missouri River at RM 367.4. The Kansas River is a right bank tributary of the Missouri River formed at the confluence of the Smoky Hill and Republican Rivers near Junction City, Kansas. From this junction the river flows eastward for about 170 miles to its confluence with the Missouri River at Kansas City. The floodplain of the Kansas River from Junction City downstream varies in width from approximately 1.5 to 5.0 miles and averages approximately two miles in width. The channel, which is generally 800 to 850 feet wide, meanders in this floodplain. The entire Kansas River drainage basin lies within the Interior Plains physographic region and is approximately 480 miles long and 140 miles wide. Elevations in the river basin vary from 750 feet at the mouth to approximately 5500 feet at the extreme western end of the basin.

The Kansas River basin constitutes approximately one-tenth of the drainage area of the Missouri River and drains the northern half of Kansas, much of southern Nebraska, and a part of northeastern Colorado. The total drainage area of the Kansas River basin is 60,580 square miles of which 15% is in Colorado, 28% is in Nebraska, and 57% is in Kansas. The Kansas River basin contains numerous major impoundments including seven Corps reservoirs and all eleven Bureau reservoirs.

Big Blue River – Enters Missouri River at RM 358.0. The Big Blue River is a right bank tributary of the Missouri River in the eastern Kansas City urban area. The Big Blue River is 43.8 miles long and drains a basin that encompasses a total area of 307 square miles. Approximately 56% of the basin lies in Kansas and 44% lies in Missouri. The Big Blue River basin measures approximately 31 miles in length and 17 miles at its maximum width. The topography of the basin is predominately rolling to gently undulating with fairly steep slopes adjacent to the larger streams. There are numerous urban channel improvement projects scattered throughout the length of the Big Blue River. There are no major impoundments in the basin.

Little Blue River – Enters Missouri River at RM 339.5. The Little Blue River is a right bank tributary of the Missouri River which rises in west-central Missouri and flows in a generally northeasterly direction to join the Missouri River about 20 miles downstream of Kansas City. The Little Blue River basin lies along the southeastern edge of the Kansas City metropolitan area and drains an area of 409 square miles. The basin is approximately 33 miles long, with a maximum width of 13 miles. Major impoundments in the basin include two Corps reservoirs and Lake Jacomo, a Jackson County, Missouri, public recreation lake.

Grand River – Enters Missouri River at RM 249.9. The Grand River is a left bank tributary of the Missouri River that rises in the low, flat divide of south-central Iowa and flows generally in a south-southeasterly direction. The topography of the Grand River basin ranges from rolling to gently undulating glacial plains divided by deeply eroded valleys. The Grand River basin drains an area of 7883 square miles, of which 78 percent is in Missouri and 22 percent is in Iowa. The main stem of the Grand River is about 210 miles in length, which includes the West Fork as part of the main stem. There are no major impoundments in the basin.

Chariton River – Enters Missouri River at RM 238.8. The Chariton River is a left bank tributary of the Missouri River that rises in the low, flat divide of south-central Iowa. It flows southeasterly through Iowa and then southerly through Missouri to join the Missouri River after flowing through a four-mile cutoff. Beginning in 1949, this flood control cutoff diverted the Chariton River directly into the Missouri River at a point approximately 12 miles upstream from its natural mouth. This cutoff separated the Chariton River from its tributary, the Little Chariton River, which is now an independent basin and tributary of the Missouri River. The Chariton River is approximately 170 miles long and drains an area of 2566 square miles. Approximately 925 square miles lie in Iowa and the remainder are in Missouri. The only major impoundment in the basin is Rathbun Lake, a Corps reservoir located in the upper basin in Iowa, approximately 140 river miles above the mouth of the Chariton River.

Little Chariton River **–** Enters Missouri River at RM 227.2. The Little Chariton River is a left bank tributary of the Missouri River which drains an area of approximately 761 square miles in north-central Missouri. The Little Chariton River was originally a part of the Chariton River basin (see above). The Little Chariton River is formed by the confluence of Middle Fork and East Fork at a point 17 miles above its mouth. It flows into the Missouri River through the old, natural Chariton River channel. The Little Chariton River basin has two major impoundments – Thomas Hill Reservoir on Middle Fork (privately owned), and Long Branch Lake on East Fork (USACE).

Blackwater/Lamine River – Enters Missouri River at RM 202.5. The Lamine River is a right bank tributary of the Missouri River. The Lamine River with its major tributary, the Blackwater River, drains an area of 2783 square miles in west-central Missouri. The Lamine River, flowing in a northerly direction, is joined about ten miles upstream from its mouth by the Blackwater River, flowing in an easterly direction. The mouth of the Lamine is about five miles upstream from Boonville, Missouri. Exclusive of the Blackwater basin, the Lamine River drains an area of about 1100 square miles. The Blackwater River and its tributaries drain about 1550 square miles of the north and west part of the joint basin. There are no major impoundments in the Blackwater/Lamine River basin.

Osage River – Enters Missouri River at RM 130.1. The Osage River is a right bank tributary of the Missouri River which rises in east-central Kansas and flows eastward through west-central Missouri to join the Missouri River near Jefferson City, Missouri. The upper Osage River is called the Marais des Cygnes River. The Osage River drains an area of 15,088 square miles, of which 28% is in Kansas and 72% is in Missouri. There are seven major impoundments in the Osage–Marais des Cygnes River basin. The Lake of the Ozarks is a hydroelectric power project of the Union Electric Company of Missouri and has a normal power-pool area of 60,000 acres. Also, there are six Corps reservoirs in the basin, including the largest flood control project in the Kansas City District, the Harry S. Truman Reservoir, which has a full flood-control pool area of 209,300 acres.

Gasconade River – Enters Missouri River at RM 104.4. The Gasconade River is a right bank tributary of the Missouri River that rises in south-central Missouri and follows a northeasterly course. The river drains an area of 3582 square miles. There are no major impoundments in the basin.

MISSOURI RIVER NAVIGATION AND BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

There are seven pertinent Federal statutes providing for the construction, operation and maintenance of a navigation channel and bank stabilization works on the Missouri River. The most recent was a 1945 Act that provided for bank stabilization combined with a ninefoot deep, 300-foot wide navigation channel. The authorized navigation project for the Missouri River extends from its confluence with the Mississippi River at St. Louis, Missouri, to Sioux City, Iowa, a total distance of about 734 river miles. This project was accomplished through revetment of banks, construction of permeable dikes, cutoff of oxbows, closing minor channels, removal of snags, and dredging.

In order to meet the project objectives of bank stabilization and navigation, the river planform was shaped into a series of smoothly curved bends of the appropriate radii and channel width. In areas where the natural river channel did not conform to the design alignment, canals were excavated and natural channels blocked in order to force the river to flow along the design alignment. Bank revetments and dikes have been used to provide a free-flowing navigation channel. Stabilization of the bank along the concave alignment of the design curve used wooden pile and stone fill revetments. Dike fields were constructed along the convex bank perpendicular to the flow. These dikes were designed to prevent bank erosion and to promote accretion, forcing the Missouri River to develop and maintain the design alignment.

A dike field is a system of dikes, which are rock embankments or timber structures that protrude from the bank. The dikes concentrate the flow in the navigation channel. Dikes are generally located on the "inside" of a river bend. A special algorithm has been incorporated into the custom version of UNET used by the Kansas City District in order to reflect the presence of any complex of dike structures protruding from the Missouri River bank.

MISSOURI RIVER LEVEES

Levees line the Missouri River banks, on one or both sides of the river, for virtually the entire length of the river from Rulo, Nebraska, to the mouth of the Missouri River near St. Louis, Missouri.

Federal Levees. The Missouri River Levee System (MRLS) was authorized in the Flood Control Acts of 1941 and 1944 to provide protection to agricultural lands and communities

along the Missouri River from Sioux City, Iowa, to the mouth at St. Louis, Missouri. The MRLS levees were designed to operate in conjunction with the six upstream Missouri River dams, which are in the Omaha District, to reduce flood damages as part of the Pick-Sloan Plan. The extent of the Federal levee system within the Kansas City District consists mainly of levee units on both banks from Rulo, Nebraska, to Kansas City, Missouri. Although many Federal levees were proposed downstream of Kansas City, only a few have been built. The majority of the area planned for protection by Federal levees downstream of Kansas City is protected by private or non-Federal levees with varying degrees of level of protection.

Construction of the Federal levees began in the 1950's. The Kansas City District has constructed seventeen Federal levees along the Missouri River as part of the MRLS. All but four of the completed MRLS units are upstream of Kansas City. These units protect mostly agricultural lands plus some small towns. A combination of urban and agricultural land is protected in the St. Joseph, Missouri, vicinity by Levee Units R471-460 and L455. Flood protection in the Kansas City, urban area is provided by seven Federal levee units constructed by the Kansas City District along the Missouri and Kansas Rivers. The units along the Missouri River are the Fairfax/Jersey Creek, Central Industrial District (CID), and East Bottoms Levee Units along the right bank, and the North Kansas City and Birmingham Levee Units along the left bank. Table E-16 lists Federal levees and their locations.

Levee Unit	Location along the Missouri River	Levee Unit	Location along the Missouri River
	$(U/S RM - D/S RM)^*$		$(U/S RM - D/S RM)^*$
$R - 513$	$497.5 - 495$	$L-400$	$391 - 385$
$R-500$	$484.4 - 480$	Fairfax-Jersey Creek	$374 - 367.5$
L-497	$482.4 - 476.7$	North Kansas City	$370.5 - 363.5$
L-488	$475.3 - 465.2$	Central Industrial District (CID)	$367.4 - 365.7$
R-482	$468.4 - 458$	East Bottoms	$365.7 - 357.5$
$L-476$	$461.0 - 454.0$	Birmingham	$360.3 - 354.0$
R-471-460	$456.5 - 441.8$	$R-351$	$350 - 339.7$
L-455	$445.6 - 437.6$	$L-246$	$250 - 239$
L-448-443	$437.6 - 428$	Chariton River Main Stem	$238.8 - 227.3$
$R - 440$	$431 - 424.3$	New Haven	$81.7 - 81.4$
$L-408$	$401.3 - 391.5$		

Table E-16 Missouri River Federal Levees

 $*U/S =$ upstream, $D/S =$ downstream

Non-Federal or Private Levees. Non-Federal levees are private levees which are funded and constructed by locally organized levee districts, or which are constructed and owned by one or more individual landowners. Within the Kansas City District, the Missouri River is almost totally leveed from the mouth upstream to Rulo, Nebraska, by Federal and non-Federal levees. Non-Federal levees protect the majority of the agricultural lands from

the mouth to Kansas City. However, three non-Federal levees downstream of Kansas City protect urban areas on the lower end of the river. They are the Chesterfield-Monarch, Riverport, and Earth City Levee Districts, all located downstream from RM 45. Upstream of Kansas City, non-Federal levees fill in where there are unprotected areas around the MRLS units. There are approximately one hundred non-Federal levee systems modeled as storage cells in Kansas City's Missouri River UNET model. Many of these levee systems are aggregates of several levee and drainage districts where the levees are contiguous along the river.

Non-Federal levees along the Missouri River were devastated by the 1993 Flood. Except for several non-Federal levees in the St. Louis metropolitan area, all non-Federal levees were breached from Brownsville, Nebraska, to the mouth, a distance of 535 river miles.

HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS COMPUTER MODELING

FLOODPLAIN AND CHANNEL GEOMETRY

Digital Terrain Data

New mapping data was acquired and assembled under the auspices of the Mississippi Basin Modeling System project. The new mapping data was used to develop cross sections for the Missouri River UNET model. In developing the new mapping, digital terrain models (DTMs), which cover the Missouri River floodplain from bluff to bluff, were produced from a combination of 1995 and 1998/1999 aerial photography. Source of the 1995 aerial photography is the USGS. The 1998/1999 aerial photography was provided by a private contractor. Ground surface elevations developed by the aerial mapping are accurate to within 1.33 feet. DTMs with soundings were produced by merging the DTMs with 1998 hydrographic survey data. Kansas City District performed the 1998 hydrographic survey of the Missouri River and supplied this data to a mapping contractor. That contractor produced the DTMs with soundings, and then used this data to produce the cross sections. The horizontal datum for this mapping is NAD 83. The projection is UTM Zone 15. The vertical datum is NGVD 29, and the units of measurement are feet.

Missouri River Cross Sections

Locations of the Missouri River cross sections were determined by the Kansas City District on USGS 1:24,000 scale quadrangle maps and USGS 1:100,000 scale maps. Cross sections were laid out based on the geomorphology of the channel, capturing locations of features such as pools and crossings. The cross sections averaged 0.7 to 0.8 miles apart in rural areas. In urban areas, cross sections averaged 0.2 to 0.3 miles apart. The contractorfurnished cross sections were edited using the editing capabilities of the HEC-RAS computer program. Then the geometry files were translated into UNET geometry files using the computer program RAS2UNET. Some additional editing of the Missouri River cross sections was done within UNET.

Tributary River Cross Sections

Cross section geometry is included in the UNET model for 14 major tributaries of the Missouri River. Tributary cross section geometry was developed from USGS 7.5 minute series quadrangle topographic maps. The tributary cross section data is suitable for flow routing only. Each of the tributary streams is modeled as a single routing reach with a USGS gaging station at the upstream end of the modeled reach. These gaging stations serve as point sources of inflow to the UNET hydraulic model. The tributary reaches range from 10 to 50 miles in length.

FLOW DATA

Streamflow Gages

Flow data is required by the Kansas City UNET model at all tributary inflow locations and at the upstream end of the model. This data is required on a daily basis to produce the period-of-record runs. In addition, stage data and flow data are required at all main stem gages on the Missouri River within the District. Stage data is required from the available stage-only gages on the Missouri River. This data is needed for inflow, boundary conditions, estimation of ungaged inflow, calibration, and verification. A listing of the gages used on the Missouri River is given below in Table E-17, and a listing of the tributary gages is given in Table E-18.

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Station	River Mile Location	Type of Data	Use in UNET Model			
Nebraska City NE	562.2	Flow and Stage	Flow Input and Calibration			
Rulo NE	498.0	Flow and Stage	Calibration			
St. Joseph MO	448.2	Flow and Stage	Calibration			
Atchison KS	422.5	Stage	Calibration			
Kansas City MO	366.1	Flow and Stage	Calibration			
Napoleon MO	329	Stage	Calibration			
Waverly, MO	293.5	Flow and Stage	Calibration			
Glasgow MO	226.2	Stage	Calibration			
Boonville MO	196.6	Flow and Stage	Calibration			
Jefferson City MO	143.9	Stage	Calibration			
Hermann MO	97.9	Flow and Stage	Calibration			
St. Charles MO	28.1	Stage	Model Tailwater			

Table E-17 Missouri River Mainstem Gaging Stations

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Tributary	Station	Tributary River Miles	USGS Flow Record	Missouri River RM at Confluence		
Big Nemaha River	Falls City NE	14.5	$4/1/44$ - Date	494.9		
Nodaway River	Graham MO	28.0	$4/1/22 - Date$	462.9		
Platte River	Sharps Station MO	25.1	$12/1/78 - Date$	391		
Kansas River	Desoto KS	31.0	$7/8/17 - Date$	367.4		
Blue River	nr Kansas City MO	23.2	$5/1/30 - Date$	358.0		
Little Blue River	Lake City MO	10.5	$4/1/48 - Date$	339.5		
Grand River	Sumner MO	41.0	$10/1/24 - Date$	249.9		
Chariton River	Prairie Hill MO	19.6	$10/1/21 - Date$	238.8		
East Fork Little Chariton River	Huntsville MO	42.1	$10/1/62 - Date$	227.2		
Lamine/ Blackwater River	Blue Lick MO	30.3	$7/1/22 - Date$	202.5		
Osage River	St. Thomas MO	43.1	$6/1/25$ - Date	130.1		
Gasconade River	Rich Fountain MO	51.3	$11/1/21 - Date$	104.5		

Table E-18 Tributary USGS Stream Gaging Stations

UNET HYDRAULIC MODEL DEVELOPMENT

UNET Models of Missouri River Historic Conditions

1998 UNET Model. The 1998 Missouri River UNET model was developed under the auspices of the Mississippi Basin Model System project for use in water management. Development of this model began with the Floodplain Management Assessment Study of 1994. 1994 hydrographic data and overbank data from the 1970s were used for this model.

Historic UNET Model. The Missouri River has undergone major changes in its planform and length in the $20th$ century. In order to conduct a period-of-record UNET analysis, it was necessary to be able to estimate the ungaged local inflow to the river for the entire period. Since the hydraulic characteristics of the river changed during the century, it was necessary to develop several UNET geometry models of the Missouri River to simulate historic hydraulic routings for the entire study period. A Missouri River historic UNET model was developed expressly for the purpose of computing the ungaged inflow for the early 1900's. The geometry of this model reflects the natural conditions of the Missouri River before canalization, and the construction of dikes and levees. The natural channel was wide, braided, and shallow, and meandered freely back and forth across the floodplain. Early 20th century topographic maps were used for channel geometry.

UNET Model of Missouri River Present Conditions

A "present condition" Missouri River UNET model was created based on the latest available floodplain and channel geometry (see discussion above). The model consists of about 800 Missouri River cross sections and about 500 cross sections of tributary streams. As originally created, the model had 35 model reaches with 15 of these as main stem Missouri River reaches. Two special reaches were incorporated into the model structure to attempt to model the wide floodplain area in the vicinity of Waverly, but that study strategy proved unsatisfactory and these two reaches were disabled. These two reaches remain in the model however. All Missouri River cross sections are full valley cross sections. A schematic of this model is shown on Plate E-26.

This UNET geometry model, and its accompanying boundary condition file, were configured and calibrated for the required 100-year period of record runs. An enhanced version of the UNET program which incorporated many additional features and capacities necessary for this effort was used by the Kansas City District, as well as all of the other four participating Districts. These special features such as the null internal boundary condition, ungaged lateral inflow computation, etc. are described elsewhere in this overall document and will not be discussed herein. However, computation and calibration processes unique to the Kansas City District will be discussed below.

The boundary condition file was set up to deal with average daily inflow data. The time step for the computations was set at three hours, however a routine in UNET will automatically decrease the time step if necessary to contribute to computational stability.

Extent of UNET Model and Coordination with Adjacent Districts

The upstream end of the UNET model used for these studies by the Kansas City District is at the USGS stream gaging station at Nebraska City, Nebraska, (RM 562.6). This location is 64.2 miles upstream of the gaging station at Rulo, Nebraska, (RM 498), which is the boundary between the Kansas City and Omaha Districts. Nebraska City was chosen because of the utility of using a long record USGS gage as the upstream inflow point, and the fact that most of the inevitable computational anomalies inherent in unsteady flow models would be smoothed out by the time the flows entered the Kansas City District. Also, the selection of the Nebraska City gage allowed the extensive overflow area near Rulo to appear in a single reach. The Omaha District used the USGS stream gaging station at St. Joseph, Missouri, (RM 448.2) as their tailwater gage in order to "overlap" with the Kansas City District at Rulo. The modeled stages for the various frequency floods at Rulo were within the computational accuracy that could be expected of this type of unsteady flow analysis.

The downstream limit of the District's model was the stage-only gage at St. Charles, Missouri, (RM 28.1). This location, while under the backwater influence of the Mississippi River, was the most downstream practical location for use in the District model without modeling the Missouri-Mississippi crossover (see discussion below). The UNET model used by the St. Louis District treats the Missouri River as an inflow tributary, with its head at the USGS stream gage at Hermann, Missouri, (RM 97.9). The inflow at

Hermann used flow and stage data furnished by the Kansas City District. The St. Louis model does incorporate the Missouri-Mississippi overflow in their model, and thereby provides for the full effects of Mississippi River backwaters and Missouri overflow on the lower Missouri River. The lower Missouri River profiles generated by the St. Louis District were "feathered into" the Kansas City profiles provided in this study.

Calibration of UNET Present Condition Model

There are several self-calibrating techniques built into UNET that will not be described in detail here. These techniques are built around a series of iterative computations of daily flow records from one reach translated to the next downstream gage. Initial estimates of channel and overbank roughness coefficients are made, but these are adjusted in the several iterations required for automatic calibration. Seasonal adjustments of stream conveyance, and vertical adjustments in conveyance are also permitted.

Another aspect of the UNET calibration process that was extremely important in the Kansas City District was the simulation of the performance of the Missouri River levees. A unique routine, known as the Kansas City Levee Algorithm, has been built into UNET for this purpose. That algorithm allows the user to first specify the upstream and downstream limits of a particular levee, which allows UNET to compute the floodplain storage within that levee. Next it allows the modeler to specify the point of levee rupture and the water surface elevation causing that rupture. This allows UNET to divert a portion of the passing flood wave into floodplain storage. Finally, the modeler is allowed to specify the channel discharge that will mobilize overbank flow in the behind-the-levee area. Because levees line almost the entire bank of the Missouri River, and many of these levees fail during great floods, the model calibration process in the Kansas City District required careful modeling of levee performance as well as careful estimation of channel roughness elements.

The year 1993 was chosen as the calibration standard for this study. The data is recent, multiple measurements by USGS were made close to the peak flow of that year, and high water marks from the July-August flood of that year are well documented. The initial calibration using the automated calibration techniques of UNET were not fully satisfactory because the computed profile did not reproduce the high water marks between the gages. A second calibration more closely reproduced those marks, but was not used because the model did not properly reproduce the rupture and measured back-of-levee flow in the L-471-460 levee (St. Joseph area), and could not trace the multiple high water marks in the Kansas City area. These automated calibration techniques were then abandoned. The model was calibrated by manually adjusting resistance coefficients and levee characteristics until the peak flow profile for 1993, and the observed flow and stage hydrographs at the gages, closely matched the observed data.

Three roughness coefficients were assigned to each cross section. No attempt was made to disaggregate the overbank areas into separate channels. There are 43 reaches identified on the Missouri River main stem. Channel roughness coefficients (as Manning's "n"s) ranged from a low of 0.014 to a high of 0.035, with the majority of the river channel in the 0.023

to 0.028 range. Considerable effort was expended working with the reaches with low "n" values, but it was not possible to reproduce the high water profile and levee performance with higher values. The overbank value used throughout the District was 0.080. Because of the use of the levee algorithm, the Missouri River cross sections isolate the back-of-levee areas from the active flow area (the channel and its immediate overbanks). Since these levees are close to the river, the overbank area in the active portion of a cross section is small with limited conveyance. Changes in the overbank "n" values had almost no effect on the flood profiles.

UNET provides a mechanism to adjust the conveyance of a particular cross section on a seasonal basis and on a flow basis. Adjustment of conveyance is not quite the same as adjusting resistance coefficients, but it has the same effects. Using this capability, the geometry file was first adjusted to reproduce the observed high water marks for the 1993 Flood. This process reproduced the high discharge stage and flow portions of the observed 1993 gage record, but did not reproduce the lower flow portions of those hydrographs. Next, the vertical and seasonal conveyance adjustment factors were used to bring the reproduction of the entire year 1993 as close as possible to the observed hydrographs. In general, flow adjustments were made for discharges below 300,000 cfs, with decreases in conveyance (analogous to increasing "n" values) ranging up to 60%. Dr. Barkau found a seasonal adjustment of about 10% occurs on the Missouri River, so this value was incorporated into the model for the months of May to December.

Computation of Ungaged Lateral Inflow

Ungaged lateral inflow is the observed increment in discharge that occurs between stream gaging stations. That increment can come from tributary outflows, ground water seepage, or from overland flow into the river. There are techniques built into the expanded versions of UNET that facilitate the computation of these ungaged inflows, using the historical gage records. Once a record of ungaged inflows is constructed from the observed records, there are also techniques available which incorporate these flows as inputs in a period of record analysis. The basic techniques in UNET will not be presented here, but the special applications to the Kansas City model will be discussed below.

Since the major tributaries have their own records (albeit shorter than the 100 year period used for this study), it is possible to determine what portion of the ungaged lateral inflow can be assigned to each tributary. Flow unassigned to tributaries is then incorporated into the UNET model as evenly spread along the thread of the stream. Using the data from the period when the tributary gage is active as a guide, lateral inflow was assigned to that tributary for the period preceding the activation of the tributary gage. Using this process, an artificial gage record was constructed for the entire 100 year period for each tributary inflow point. Because of the differences in daily data and instantaneous data, the time step used, and the stream distances involved, there were periods in these created records that indicated negative inflow. In a few isolated cases, these negative inflows were large enough to destabilize the UNET period of record computations. Some editing of these records was therefore necessary.

PERIOD OF RECORD ANALYSIS

Study Strategy

The analytical methods employed by the Kansas City District differs from that employed by some of the other Districts. That process is described in some detail below. The Kansas City District's Missouri River UNET model was used in this analysis. The model consists of three files. The geometry file was calibrated to the 1993 Flood high water marks, and adjusted to reproduce the lower flows and stages of the gage records for the year 1993. The boundary conditions file consists of the daily inflows at the gage at Nebraska City at the upstream end of the model, daily inflows from each of the 14 tributary gages, daily ungaged lateral inflow files (and the guidance for the lateral distribution of these inflows), and seasonal and discharge conveyance adjustment features. The ".inc" file, known as the "include" file, is the performance file for the 104 levee units in the overall model. This include file was an integral part of the overall calibration process for the year 1993.

Because the strategy used by the Kansas City District is keyed to the development of rating curves for each cross section, the 100 year period used to construct these rating curves does not necessarily have to conform to the period used for the development of the regulated flow estimates (see Hydrology). The period 1/1/1900 to 9/30/2000 was used for the period of record runs in the District. This period was selected because the actual flow data for the tributary gages is considered superior to the derived inflows for these stations as described above.

WATER SURFACE PROFILES

Development of UNET-Based Flood Frequency Profiles

In order to develop the required water surface profiles, a unique version of UNET was developed by Dr Barkau for the Kansas City District. Dr Barkau supplemented this version of UNET with a EXCEL spreadsheet file which contained some specialized Macros. When the period-of-record flows are run in this special version of UNET, a trigger in the boundary conditions file causes the following steps to be initiated within the UNET program for each main stem cross section:

a.) A tabulation of annual maximum flow for the period of record, and its associated stage (from that same day) is produced at each cross section. Also, a tabulation of maximum annual stage and its associated discharge is also created at that cross section.

b.) These two data sets are combined into a single file and then plotted. A polynomial curve is passed through the data cluster, and the coefficients for this equation are read out into the referenced EXCEL file. A standard error between the "observed" discharges and discharges computed from the equations is provided. These estimated discharges-vs.-stage points are then read as paired data points into an DSS file, and the pathname of this rating curve becomes a part of an EXCEL importable file.

c.) In addition to the data provided for the rating curves, additional data was generated in the UNET file to estimate peak discharges on a frequency basis and peak stages, also on a frequency basis. These discharge and elevation data were analyzed using both Weibull and Pearson III techniques. Polynomial equations were developed for each of these curves, from which computed ordinates from each curve can be created. These curves are read into DSS files as paired data points, and their DSS pathnames are exported to an EXCEL readable file.

In the case of the Missouri River, the observed period-of-record contains some historic high peak flood flows, so a full definition of the rating curve is produced using this flow set for most reaches of the river. On the other hand, the regulated flow set, because it contains the effects of the flood control reservoir system, provides better estimates of current stage-probability and discharge-probability curves. The frequency curve plots for the Missouri River cross sections appear to be reasonably regular except upstream of the mouth of tributary streams, where a wide scatter of data points are observed.

After the UNET runs were made for the period-of-record, the rating curves for each cross section, in the form of coefficients for polynomial equations, were exported to the special EXCEL spreadsheet. The flow discharges from the Hydrology study phase were listed on this spreadsheet. Each sheet in this EXCEL file was allocated to a single flood frequency. Upon execution of the spreadsheet Macro, the elevation at each cross section for each frequency flood was determined. These elevations were exported to another EXCEL spreadsheet for further editing. Additional editing was required upstream of major river junctions, in the "crossover" area on the lower river at the junction of the St. Louis and Kansas City Districts, and in the Rulo area at the junction of the Omaha and Kansas City Districts. The use of this second spreadsheet allowed profiles to be smoothly merged at District junctions by overlaying the profile data from the two Districts and "cutting and pasting" until a smooth and reasonable joint profile was constructed. A few profiles required some minor adjustments in elevations, but these adjustments were less than 0.5 ft. This effort was coordinated with the appropriate boundary District, and concurrence on the final profiles was secured. These smoothed profiles were then interpolated from cross section locations to locations at even river miles, which is the standard reporting format that has been used in the Kansas City District.

Large River Confluences

Development of UNET-based flood frequency profiles presents a special problem at the junctions of large tributaries. This is due to the backwater effects built into the historic record at that junction. It is noteworthy that the rating curves downstream of the junction are quite smooth, with all of the data points closely clustered around a fitted rating curve. The plotted rating curves upstream of the junction exhibit a wide scatter, with the fitted curve drawn through the middle of the data cluster. Plates E-27 and E-28, which are based on some early period of record runs, illustrate this phenomena. However stage-probability curves both downstream and upstream of the junction exhibit data points tightly clustered around the computed curve, with no appreciable data scatter. Smooth profile surfaces at these junctions are an observed physical phenomena, and are expected in the final publication of these profiles. Therefore a supplemental methodology was used for the junction areas.

If a discharge with a specific probability of occurrence is experienced upstream of the junction of a major tributary, the likelihood of a coincident flow of with the same probability occurring downstream of that junction is small. For example, if an upstream discharge has a probability of 0.10, then the downstream discharge for that specific event might have a probability of 0.08 or 0.12. However, when publishing flood profiles in Flood Insurance Studies, Water Resource Decision Documents, etc., it is the common practice to provide profiles based on the same probability discharge both upstream and downstream of that junction. In this example, one might expect to see the profile for the 0.10 probability flood both upstream and downstream of the junction of the major tributary. Since the chance of coincident flows of the same probability are small, the flows generated by a period of record analysis study are not expected to contain these types of events. This practice of reporting for flows of coincident probabilities on both sides of a tributary junction is artificial, requiring the use of the supplemental methodology.

The period of record analysis produced rating curves on either side of major stream junctions that exhibited the characteristics shown on Plates E-27 and E-28. The data points for the downstream rating curves were tightly clustered about a reasonable rating curve (see Plate E-27), while the data points for the upstream cross section exhibited a wide scatter. (Note: This scatter decreased as one moved upstream of that junction.) For example, viewing Plate E-28, the historic record shows that a discharge of 120,000 cfs can be associated with elevations as low as 738 and as high as 750. The curve on Plate E-28 was generated by UNET and should be regarded simply a representative curve. While these backwater effects manifested themselves upstream of most of the major tributaries, they were particularly severe upstream of the mouths of the Kansas and Osage Rivers. Flood profiles created by simply connecting the predicted elevations downstream of the junctions with those upstream of these junctions were unsatisfactory.

The first supplemental strategy developed to deal with this problem was to use the stageprobability curves produced by UNET to bridge over the junctions. This involved some hand editing of the upstream rating curves within the UNET program, and recomputation of the equations for the upstream rating curves. This process proved to be cumbersome and time consuming.

The second process, which proved to be much faster and provided more reasonable profiles, was based on the fact that the Kansas City District has detailed, recently developed HEC-RAS models available in the vicinities of the mouths of the Osage and Kansas Rivers. These models all use the same geometry and discharges that were used in the UNET period-of-record analysis, and were also calibrated to the 1993 high water marks. Coincident flow studies had been conducted for these studies in order to provide profiles for the same probability flood across the mouths of these tributaries. The downstream profiles for both the UNET and HEC-RAS profiles were in close agreement. Therefore, the HEC-RAS files were used to estimate the profiles in these upstream reaches. The upstream profiles generated "revised" rating curves at the upstream cross sections. These "revised" rating curves were spot checked with the plots for the upstream cross sections to insure that the revised curves plotted within the "cloud" of data points for each cross section. These modifications were made in the second spreadsheet.

Missouri/Mississippi River Crossover

The area along the left bank of the Missouri River, from RM 28 (St. Charles, Missouri) to the confluence with the Mississippi River, is known as the crossover. This area is an extensive peninsula of land that separates the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. Along this reach the Missouri River channel is perched at elevations above the Mississippi River. Therefore, during times of flooding when the Missouri River overtops its levees, flood water spills out of the left bank of the Missouri River, across this broad, sloping floodplain, and into the Mississippi River. The difference in stream gradients (Missouri steeper, Mississippi flatter) means that the Missouri River spills into the Mississippi, never the other way around. When there is sufficient flow in the Missouri River for these diversions to occur, the diverted flows actually result in lower discharges in the Missouri River and its immediate overbanks as one proceeds downstream from St. Charles, Missouri. Of course, these diverted Missouri River waters enter the Mississippi River upstream from the confluence of the two streams. This is probably one of the most complex hydrological areas in the world, presenting a unique hydraulic modeling problem.

The Kansas City UNET hydraulic model was not used to model this crossover flow. The complex flow patterns in this area involve not only Missouri River discharges, but also must consider inflow from the Upper Mississippi River and the discharge from the Illinois River. This area has traditionally been modeled by the St. Louis District with input from the Kansas City and Rock Island Districts. From the perspective of the Missouri River, a model of this nature is required to properly account for Mississippi River backwater effects on the lower Missouri River. The actual crossover flow has been modeled as a series of levee cells that cascade water from the perched Missouri River channel to the lower, more gently sloping Mississippi River floodplain. The St. Louis District's model contains a short reach of the Missouri River from the gage at Hermann, Missouri, (RM 97.9) to the mouth. This geometry has been taken from the Kansas City UNET model. The Hermann gage discharge information for the St. Louis District model was furnished by the Kansas City District. The Kansas City UNET model used the historic stage record at St. Charles, Missouri, for the tailwater for its period-of-record runs. Once both Districts had completed their models, the two sets of profiles were found to converge near RM 50. The St. Louis profile data downstream of that point was incorporated into the Kansas City profiles.

Interface at Rulo, Nebraska

The stream gage at Rulo, Nebraska, forms the boundary between the Kansas City and Omaha Districts. Both Districts developed UNET models. Both UNET models, because of the nature of the UNET process, had considerable overlap into the adjacent District. The downstream boundary of the Omaha model was at St. Joseph, Missouri, while the upstream boundary of the Kansas City model was at the gage at Nebraska City, Nebraska. Because the high water calibration of the UNET model would have involved considerable work in the adjacent District, which may have not been compatible with the other's efforts, an effort was made to smoothly merge the flood profiles at Rulo. This effort was successful, so smooth profiles through this reach are now available.

FINAL PROFILE PROCESSING

The final two steps in processing the flood profiles was to utilize a five-point distanceweighted profile smoothing technique developed by the Rock Island District, and then to interpolate these profiles to even miles. This latter step was undertaken due to the precedent set by the previous set of high water profiles (1976).

The final profiles are published herein, together with a tabular listing of the final profile elevations. There are three distinct "bulges" in these profiles. One is near St. Charles, one is in the Kansas City area, and one is upstream of RM 440. These are the areas where the main line levees did not fail during the 1993 Flood.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS STUDIES

The Hydrology phase of this study supercedes the Missouri River hydrology originally published in 1962 in the report titled *Missouri River Agricultural Levee Restudy Program*. A table comparing the 1962 discharges at the Missouri River gages with flow estimates from the present study is presented in the Hydrology Appendix.

The Hydraulics study described herein supercedes the water surface profiles produced by the Kansas City District in 1976. The 1976 profiles were produced by an in-house one-dimensional steady state computer program known as KCD Backwater. This program is no longer in use. A comparison of the predicted water surface elevations at the six Missouri River gaging stations is given below.

Profile Comparison						
	Percent Chance	Elevation (feet, msl)				
Gage	Flood	1976 Profile	2003 Profile	Difference (feet)		
Rulo NE	10	861.2	860.1	-1.1		
	1.0	861.6	863.0	$+1.4$		
St. Joseph MO	10	811.3	813.5	$+2.2$		
	1.0	815.1	819.4	$+4.3$		
Kansas City MO	10	741.2	740.1	-1.1		
	1.0	748.5	749.5	$+1.0$		
Waverly MO	10	674.4	674.4	0.0		
	1.0	677.6	677.5	-0.1		
Boonville MO	10	596.6	594.7	-1.9		
	1.0	599.9	601.9	$+1.0$		
Hermann MO	10	513.7	512.5	-1.2		
	1.0	518.4	519.6	$+1.2$		

Table E-19 Profile Comparison

STUDY LIMITATIONS

This study represents the best overall estimates available at this time of the water surface elevations that are associated with the various frequency floods on the Missouri River. It is subject to the uncertainties normally associated with these types of profiles. These Kansas City District profiles are heavily predicated on the performance of the various Federal and non-Federal levees that line the river throughout the District. When, where, and how these individual levees perform during high flow events has a major local influence on these profiles.

RECOMMENDATIONS

These profiles are recommended for all uses relating to water surface elevations on the Missouri River except for the applications related to the ongoing (2003) levee studies/projects at Kansas City, St. Joseph, and Jefferson City.

FUTURE APPLICATIONS

Although the use of this data for floodway analysis is beyond the scope of this study, these profiles could serve as the basis for remapping the floodplains of the Missouri River under the auspices of the National Flood Insurance Program. However, the UNET model cannot be used for floodway determinations, because there is no recognized method to develop a FEMA-compatible floodway using UNET. Other standard methodologies, such as HEC-RAS, should be used for the floodway determinations, with these profiles used to provide overall guidance for those studies.

FINAL ADOPTED RESULTS

The final profiles are presented in graphical form on Plates E-29 through E-38, and in tabular form in Table E-20, which, because of its size, is located at the end of the Plates.

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GLOSSARY

AF Acre-Foot or Acre-Feet. A volume of water equal to one foot of water spread over one acre of surface area. The water discharged in one day at the rate of one cfs is equal to 1.9835 acre-feet.

Cfs Cubic feet per second. Refers to a rate of discharge representing a volume of one cubic foot of water passing a given point in one second. It is equal to 7.48 gallons per second, 449 gallons per minute, or 646,000 gallons per day. Cfs is often used to mean the same as cfs-day or second-footday to denote a volume of water.

Cfs-day Cubic feet per second times one day. This is a unit of measure for volume. One cfs-day is the volume of water equal to one cfs flowing past a given point in one day. An older term no longer used for cfs-day is second-foot-day. It is equivalent to 1.9835 acre-feet of water.

Current flows See regulated flows.

DA Drainage area (see below).

Depletion A reduction in stream flow due to human activity or interference, such as water used for irrigation, electric power generation, or municipal/industrial uses. This also includes water evaporated from man-made ponds and lakes.

Discharge Rating Curve A relationship between stage measurements at a stream gage and the corresponding instantaneous stream discharge at that point.

District Kansas City District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Drainage Area All lands where runoff of stormwater contributes flow to a common point on a stream or waterway. There are some large portions of the Kansas River Basin that do not actually contribute directly to outflow because of the lack of a developed surface drainage system.

Drainage Basin The entire area drained by a discrete waterway system.

DRM Daily Routing Model. Hydrologic routing model developed in the Reservoir Control Center, Omaha Regional Office of the Northwestern Division.

DSS Data Storage System. This is the computer data storage system developed by HEC for use in the many hydrologic and hydraulic analysis computer programs utilized by the Corps of Engineers. Data stored in this system can be manipulated and analyzed using several available ancillary programs.

Flood Flow Frequency The probability that a discharge of a given magnitude will be equaled or exceeded in any given year. Can be expressed as a probability (i.e., Probability of Occurrence = 0.01, etc.), or as a percent chance (i.e., Percent Chance of Exceedance $= 1\%$, etc.). In the past, the concept of recurrence interval was used, where the recurrence interval was the reciprocal of the probability of occurrence (i.e., 100-Year Flood)

Gaging Station A site on a stream, canal, lake, or reservoir where systematic observations of hydrologic data are obtained. The data may include water stages, stream discharges, water quality information, or any combination of the above.

HEC Hydrologic Engineering Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is located in Davis, California.

HEC-HMS Hydrologic Modeling System, a computer program developed by the Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC). This program has the capacity to estimate basin runoff and route flows down a waterway.

HEC-RAS River Analysis System, a computer program developed by the Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC). This software performs one-dimensional steady flow and unsteady flow calculations.

Holdouts The daily storage effects of a reservoir, generally computed as the inflow minus the total releases (or outflow).

KAF Thousand Acre-Feet. See AF.

Kcfs Thousand cubic feet per second. See cfs.

Local Contributing Area Also called local drainage area. This is the portion of the drainage basin below one gaging station or reservoir and above the next downstream point of interest. .

MAF Million Acre-Feet. See AF.

National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD) This is a geodetic datum derived from a general adjustment of the first order level nets of both the United States and Canada.

Nodes Special points of interest within hydrologic models, usually points at which discharges are calculated.

NWS National Weather Service, an agency of NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Department of Commerce; formerly called the United States Weather Bureau (U.S.W.B.).

Q Discharge or flow.

Recurrence Interval See Flood Flow Frequency.

Regulated Flow As used in this study, that flow which would have occurred during the study period with all current basin developments in place.

Reservoir A man-made lake.

River Mile or **RM** The distance above the mouth of the river or stream, measured along the centerline of that waterway. In the case of the Missouri River, or other commercially navigable streams, the measurement is made along the sailing line of the navigation channel.

Second-foot-day Same as cfs-day.

Sq. Mi. or **SM** Square Miles, used primarily as units of measure for basin drainage areas.

Std deviation Standard deviation.

Subbasin A sub-drainage area of a larger drainage basin. A drainage basin may be subdivided into two or more subbasins.

UMRSFFS Upper Mississippi River System Flow Frequency Study, the acronym used for the title of this study.

U.S.W.B. See NWS

UNET Computer program developed by Dr. Robert L. Barkau, which simulates one-dimensional unsteady flow through a network of open channels.

Unregulated Flow As used in this study, that flow which would have occurred during the study period with none of the current basin developments in place.

USBR United States Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior. USBR is a cooperating agency with the Upper Mississippi River System Flow Frequency Study.

USGS United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

Plate E-1

Plate E-2

Plate E-3

Plate E-4

 $No.$ **Type of Data**

 $\mathbf{1}$ **USGS Record - Rainfall Season**

 $\overline{2}$ **USGS Record - Snowmelt Season**

 $\mathbf{3}$ Stage Record - Rainfall Season

 $\overline{4}$ Stage Record - Snowmelt Season

 5 Unregulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions - Rainfall Season

 $\, 6$ Unregulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions - Snowmelt Season

 $\overline{7}$ Unregulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions - Rainfall Season

Unregulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions - Snowmelt Season 8

9 Regulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions

 10 Regulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions

Plate E-5 (cont)

Plate E-6

<u>No.</u> **Type of Data**

USGS Record - Rainfall Season $\mathbf{1}$

 $2⁷$ **USGS Record - Snowmelt Season**

 $\mathbf{3}$ Stage Record - Rainfall Season

 $\overline{4}$ Stage Record - Snowmelt Season

 $\overline{5}$ Unregulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions - Rainfall Season

 6 Unregulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions - Snowmelt Season

 $\overline{7}$ Unregulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions - Rainfall Season

8 Unregulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions - Snowmelt Season

 9 Regulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions

 $10₁$ Regulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions

Plate E-6 (cont)

No. Type of Data

- 1 USGS Record
- 2 Stage Record
- 3 Unregulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions
- $\overline{4}$ Unregulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions
- 5 Regulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions
- $6\overline{6}$ Regulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions

NOTE: Regulated discharges could not be

simulated prior to 1919 in the Kansas River Basin using the ACCESS model described in this report.

No. Type of Data

- 1 **USGS Record**
- 2° **Stage Record**
- $\mathbf{3}$ Unregulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions
- $\overline{4}$ Unregulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions
- $5⁵$ Regulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions
- $6\overline{6}$ Regulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions

NOTE: Regulated discharges could not be

simulated prior to 1919 in the Kansas River Basin using the ACCESS model described in this report.

No. Type of Data

USGS Record $\mathbf{1}$

- $2¹$ Stage Record
- $3¹$ Unregulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions
- Unregulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions $\overline{4}$
- 5 Regulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions
- Regulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions 6

NOTE: Regulated discharges could not be simulated prior to 1919 in the Kansas River Basin using the ACCESS model described in this report.

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- 3 Unregulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions ACCESS model described in
- 4 Unregulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions this report.
- Regulated Data from NWO Model without Depletions
- Regulated Data from NWO Model with Depletions

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Plate E-11

Plate E-12

Plate E-14

Plate E-16

Plate E-17

Missouri River at Hermann MO
Unregulated - Regulated Relationship

Missouri River at Boonville MO
Unregulated - Regulated Relationship

Missouri River at Waverly MO
Unregulated - Regulated Relationship

Plate E-18

Missouri River at Kansas City MO
Unregulated - Regulated Relationship

Missouri River at St Joseph MO
Unregulated - Regulated Relationship

Missouri River at Rulo NE
Unregulated - Regulated Relationship

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SCHEMATIC OF MISSOURI RIVER UNET MODEL FROM RIVER MILE 498.0 TO RIVER MILE 0.0

CURRENT CONDITIONS MODEL FEBRUARY 2003

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Missouri River Current Conditions UNET Model (Feb 2003) From River Mile 498.0 to River Mile 377.0

Right Descending Bank

Left Descending Bank

Missouri River Current Conditions UNET Model (Feb 2003) From River Mile 377.0 to River Mile 257.0

Right Descending Bank

Left Descending Bank

Missouri River Current Conditions UNET Model (Feb 2003) From River Mile 257.0 to River Mile 131.0

Right Descending Bank

Left Descending Bank

Missouri River Current Conditions UNET Model (Feb 2003) From River Mile 131.0 to River Mile 0.0

Plate E-27. Missouri River Rating Curve, Downstream of the Kansas River.

Plate E-28. Missouri River Rating Curve, Upstream of the Kansas River.

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