

## **River Resources Coordinating Team Operating Procedures**

### **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the River Resources Coordinating Team (RRCT) are to:

- (1) provide a mechanism for all Federal and State agencies with management or regulatory responsibilities along the Mississippi River and tributaries in the Rock Island District area to facilitate the coordination of their programs and activities.
- (2) allow other interested parties to express their concerns and views to the agencies.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Representatives of the following Federal and State agencies are invited to participate in the RRCT, as well as any others that may have an interest in doing so.

#### Federal

Coast Guard  
Corps of Engineers  
Environmental Protection Agency, Region V  
Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Soil Conservation Service  
Maritime Administration, USDOT

#### State

Illinois Department of Natural Resources \*  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources \*  
Iowa Department of Transportation  
Missouri Department of Conservation \*  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources \*  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Public Notice will be given of the meetings and the views of any affected or interested party will be welcome. A list of agency representatives to the RRCT and a list of persons to be notified of the meetings is contained in the River Resources Coordination Team Mailing List which is maintained by the Rock Island District, Corps of Engineers.

\* Designated state voting agency.

### **AUTHORITY**

The authority for each agency's participation in the activities of the RRCT lies within that individual agency's programs, authorities, and management or regulatory responsibilities. Participation in the RRCT does not affect an individual agency's statutory or regulatory responsibility to issue permits, to manage programs, or to operate projects. The views of agencies expressed at the RRCT are not binding on that agency.

## **FUNDING**

Each agency or interest would be responsible for the funding of its representatives. The RRCT could recommend priority of funding for identified research and/or implementation effort through an appropriate lead governmental unit.

## **OPERATION**

The RRCT would meet normally three times annually to discuss issues pertinent to the involved river resource management agencies. Meeting places and times would be determined by the RRCT. The Co-chairs for the RRCT will be the Corps of Engineers and one of the other members. The other Co-chair will rotate, for a two year period, between the other agencies in alphabetical order beginning with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. All meetings will be open to the public. All Participants would be welcomed into subject discussions; however, formal RRCT recommendations would be based on a consensus vote of the RRCT. Each State and each Federal agency will formally designate one voting member.

## **GOALS**

The goals of the RRCT would include, but not be limited to the following:

High Priority:

Channel Maintenance

- Rock Structures
- Safety Zones
- Set Dates and Commitment on DMMP's and Time Frame For Implementation
- Need to Update the EIS for Channel Operation/Maintenance
- CARS / OSIT / FWIC

Inclusion of Other Interested Groups on the RRCT

New Co-Chair

Medium Priority

Written Agreement

State Activities / Fish and Wildlife Service Activities

- Paper Grading
- Master Planning / Cooperative Agencies

Low Priority

Assess Programs on GREAT II Recommendations