

Project Factsheet for: Security Status

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Project Location Information

Location: Throughout the Rock Island District

River Basin(s): Des Moines / Skunk, Illinois, Iowa / Cedar, Mississippi, Rock

State(s): IL, IA, MN, MO, WI

Congressional District(s): IA-2, IA-1, IA-3, IA-4, IA-5, IL-11, IL-13, IL-14, IL-15, IL-16, IL-17, IL-18, IL-19, IL-2, IL-3, MN-1, MN-7, MO-6, MO-9, WI-1, WI-2, WI-3, WI-5, WI-6

Status

CURRENT STATUS:

Minimum-security measures for the majority of the Mississippi River and Illinois River sites with public access have been completed, allowing for increased visitation to facilities under certain Force Protection Conditions.

Mississippi River:

" L/D 11 - Has a visitor overlook and public restrooms plus Dubuque Audubon sponsored amenities. Site fencing completed. Now open to visitation.

" L/D 12 - Visitors enjoy observing river traffic. Site fencing completed. Now open to visitation.

" L/D 13 - Vehicle boat ramp located upstream of lock chamber. Visitor overlook site fencing completed. Now open to visitation.

" L/D 14 - Group picnic shelters and public restrooms, parking/fishing area, popular hiking trail at this facility. Additional fencing completed. Recreational facilities now open.

" L/D 15 - Has a visitor center and observation area. These areas remain open to visitors due to access screening by Rock Island Arsenal security force.

" L/D 16 - Site fencing has been completed. Now open to visitation at the overlook area.

" L/D 17 - No formal recreational facilities exist, pedestrian access only. Site fencing completed. Now open to visitation.

" L/D 18 - Boat ramp operated by State of Illinois on downstream end of lock, very basic recreation site in this area. Site fencing completed. Now open to visitation.

" L/D 19 - New fencing has been installed. Site now open to visitation.

" L/D 20 - Site fencing has been completed. Now open to visitation.

" L/D 21 - Site fencing has been completed. Now open to visitation at the overlook and the lower guide wall public use area

" L/D 22 - Site fencing has been completed. Now open to visitation at the public boat ramp adjacent to control structure with parking area.

Illinois River:

" Brandon Road - Site fencing completed. Now open to visitation.

" Dresden Island - Site fencing completed. Now open to visitation.

" LaGrange Lock - Privately owned boat ramp upstream of lock chamber. Public uses boat ramp via facility access road. There is a barrier by the lock house to prevent access to the lock restricting vehicle access to the upper end and to the ramp. Now open to visitation. Security project completed in 2006.

" Lockport - Due to site location, there is no formal visitor's facility.

" Marseilles Lock - Visitors area and restrooms open to visitation.

" Peoria Lock - Public boat ramp no longer exists. Currently no visitation to the lock. Security perimeter around the project site has been enhanced.

" Starved Rock Lock - Open to visitation. Starved Rock has a formal visitor center (Illinois Waterway Visitor Center) co-located with the lock and dam. Visitation is controlled by Rangers and allowed only when the visitor center is open and their parking area is un-locked

" T.J. O'Brien - Site fencing completed. Now open to visitation.

Description

STATEMENT OF ISSUE: None. Fact Sheet Only Security Status

LOCATION: Rock Island District, Area of Responsibility

BACKGROUND: The terrorist actions of 9/11/01 resulted in an increased national security awareness with critical Federal/public infrastructure and personnel. Initially, Department of Army (DA) facilities were directed to implement Force Protection Condition CHARLIE. The Rock Island District initiated actions to achieve the directed readiness status at pre-designated critical/vulnerable facilities. The full level of security preparedness directed was never achieved due to resource shortfalls. Since that time, the DA directed level of security preparedness has been downgraded. Rock Island District critical/vulnerable facilities have achieved and maintained the required Force Protection Condition at this time.

Force Protection Condition measures have resulted in restrictions to public access of various lock and dam facilities along the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. Also, the flood control reservoirs in central Iowa have certain public access restrictions in place. We expect these restrictions to continue for some time. Small funding allocations have been utilized on a priority basis to install basic security precautions at selected District facilities. The purpose of these precautions is to provide an increased level of protection to critical project features. Upon completion of these projects, many of the District facilities have been re-opened to public visitation. On a less severe note, the public recreation facilities not located near the locks & dams or reservoir structures are not affected by the upgraded security measures. These facilities will remain operational for normal public access.

The Rock Island District has completed an in depth security threat analysis of each of our critical/vulnerable facilities. The additional security and resulting access is directly dependant on additional resource allocations and Force Protection Condition Levels.

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