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Planning Division

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The enclosed final Upper Mississippi River System - Environmental Management Program (UMRS-EMP) Report to Congress (RTC1-F), with appendices, is provided for your information (Enclosure 1). This document, including the conclusions, proposed program implementation modifications, and recommendations to Congress stated therein, was developed in consultation with the program partners (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin). Other Federal and State agencies and non-governmental organizations, as well as members of the general public also participated in the report formulation process.

The Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project (HREP) and Long Term Resource Monitoring Program (LTRMP) appendices are provided in 3-ring binders so that updated or additional information about those program elements may be added in the future.

This Report to Congress, including the appendices, will be available electronically via the Internet (see enclosed document for addresses) by late January 1998. For this reason, and because of the prohibitive cost of hard copy color reproduction, much of the enclosed document was reproduced in black and white.

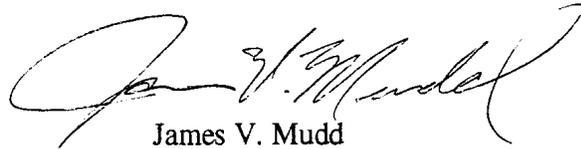
The Division Engineer's Public Notice, Upper Mississippi River System - Environmental Management Program (UMRS-EMP) Report to Congress, dated December 18, 1997, was mailed to 110 congressional offices (see pages 1-8 of report distribution list [Attachment 7 of Enclosure 1]) and the offices of the 5 State Governors (Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin) on December 19, 1997. A copy of this notice is provided as Enclosure 2.

Concurrent review of this report at Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi Valley Division is underway. This review process will culminate with the distribution of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' draft Chief of Engineers report for State and agency review, currently scheduled to occur on February 1, 1998.

Comments on the draft Chief's report will be given careful consideration in the Corps of Engineers' preparation of the final Chief's report. That final Chief's report, along with the enclosed reporting documents, will ultimately be submitted to Congress for their consideration in preparing a 1998 Water Resources Development Act.

Please direct any questions or comments you may have regarding this document or the future processing of the UMRS-EMP Report to Congress to Mr. Jerry Skalak, Report to Congress Project Manager. You may reach Mr. Skalak by telephoning 309/794-5605, by FAX at 309/794-5710, or by electronic mail at: **Jerry.A.Skalak@usace.army.mil**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James V. Mudd", written in a cursive style.

James V. Mudd
Colonel, U.S. Army
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Enclosure