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# Mississippi Valley Division

Monitoring The Mississippi River  
using GPS Coordinated Video

— *One Team: Relevant, Ready, Responsive and Reliable* —



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## ■ The Corps' mission:

- Water Resources Development
- Environment
- Infrastructure
- Disasters
- Warfighting



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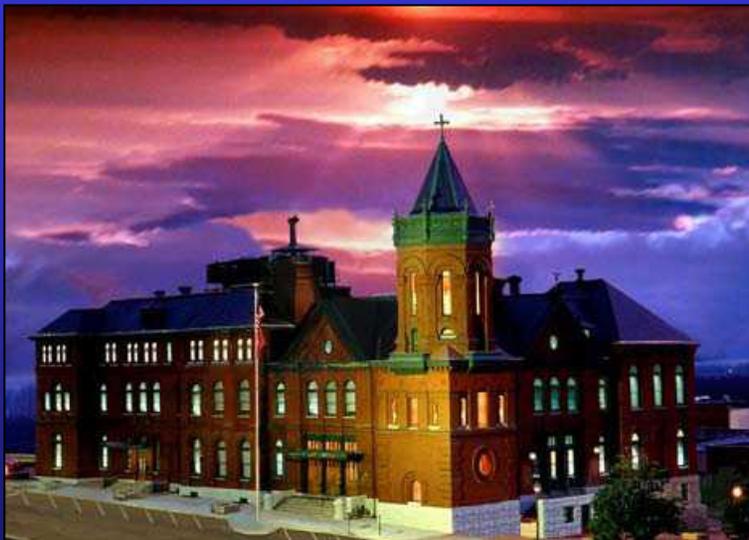


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# Mississippi River Commission



- Established June 1879
- Authority to operate on entire Mississippi River



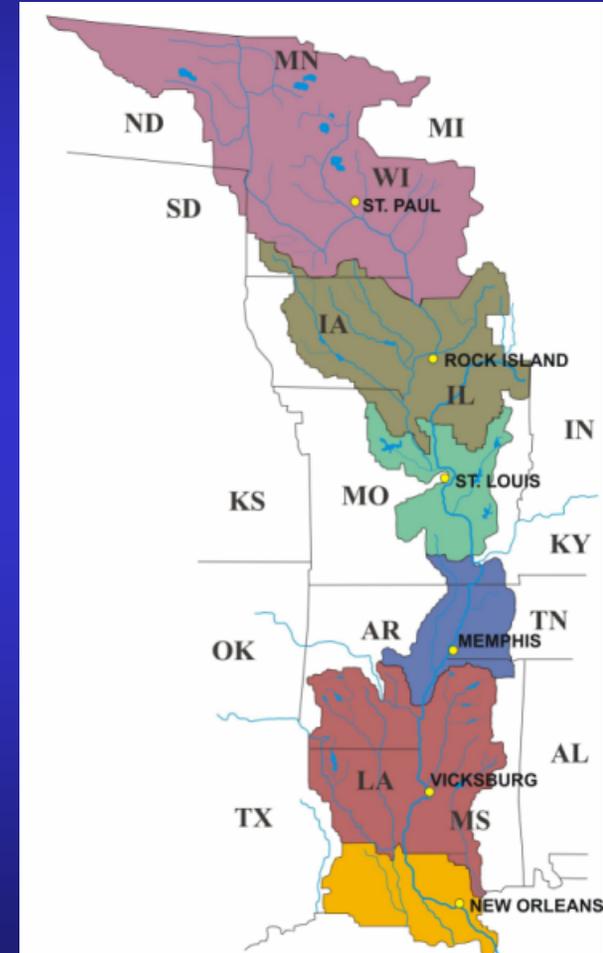
- Seven Presidentially appointed members
- Advisors to:  
Secretary of the Army  
and  
Chief of Engineers

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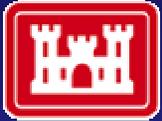
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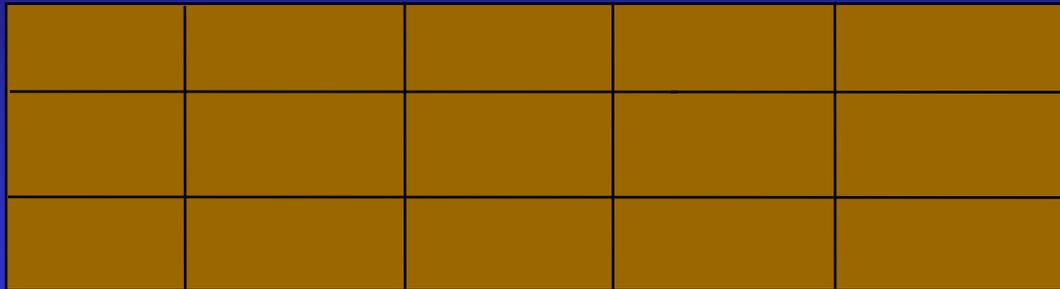
- Six districts
- 5,000+ employees
- 370,000 square mile boundary, encompassing all or parts of 12 states
- 4,267 miles of commercial waterways
- 44 flood control lakes/reservoirs

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# Why is the Mississippi River Important to the National Infrastructure



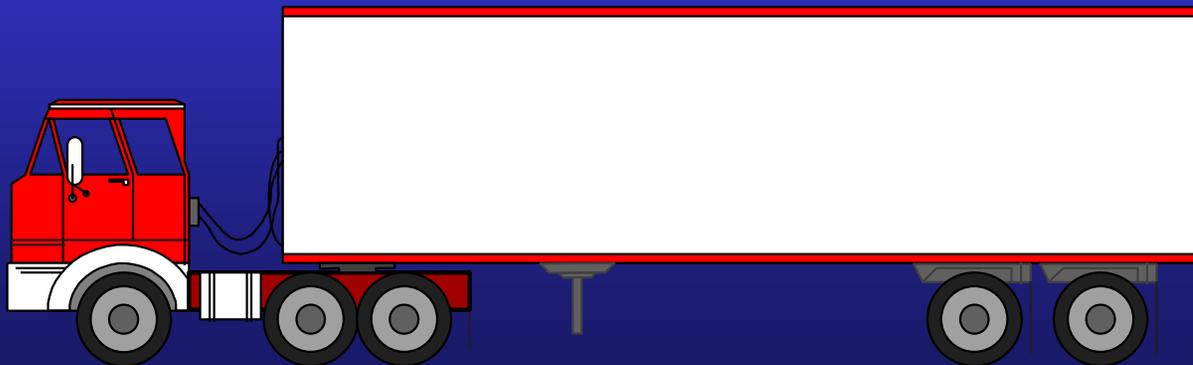
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15 BARGE TOW



225 RAILCARS



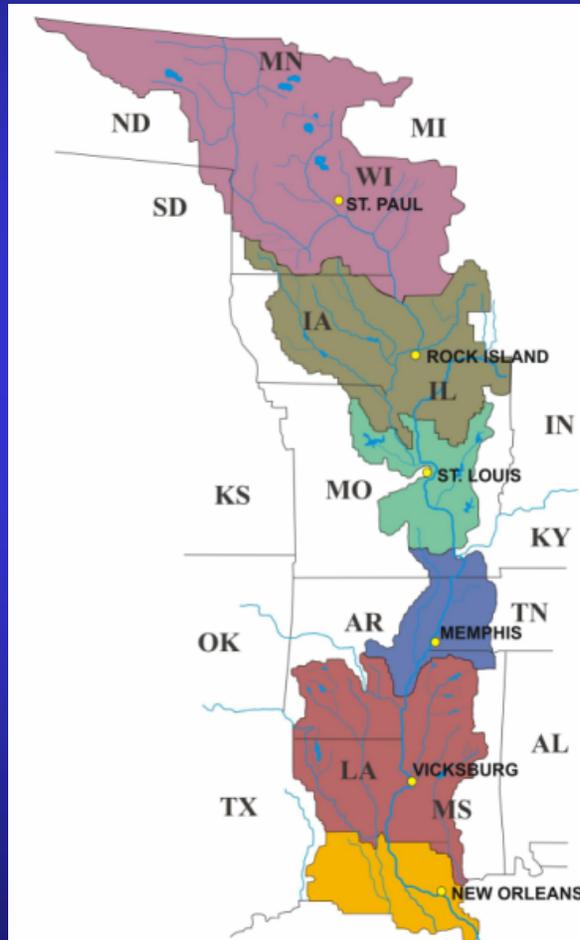
870 TRUCKS

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# Flight Area



- **Memphis & Vicksburg Districts**
- **Flew Along Both Banks**
- **Included Major Side Channels**
- **Connecting Streams To Over Bank Lakes**

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# Three Track Digital Tape

- Visual Data
- Audio Data
- Positional Data (GPS Referenced)

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# Purposes of Video



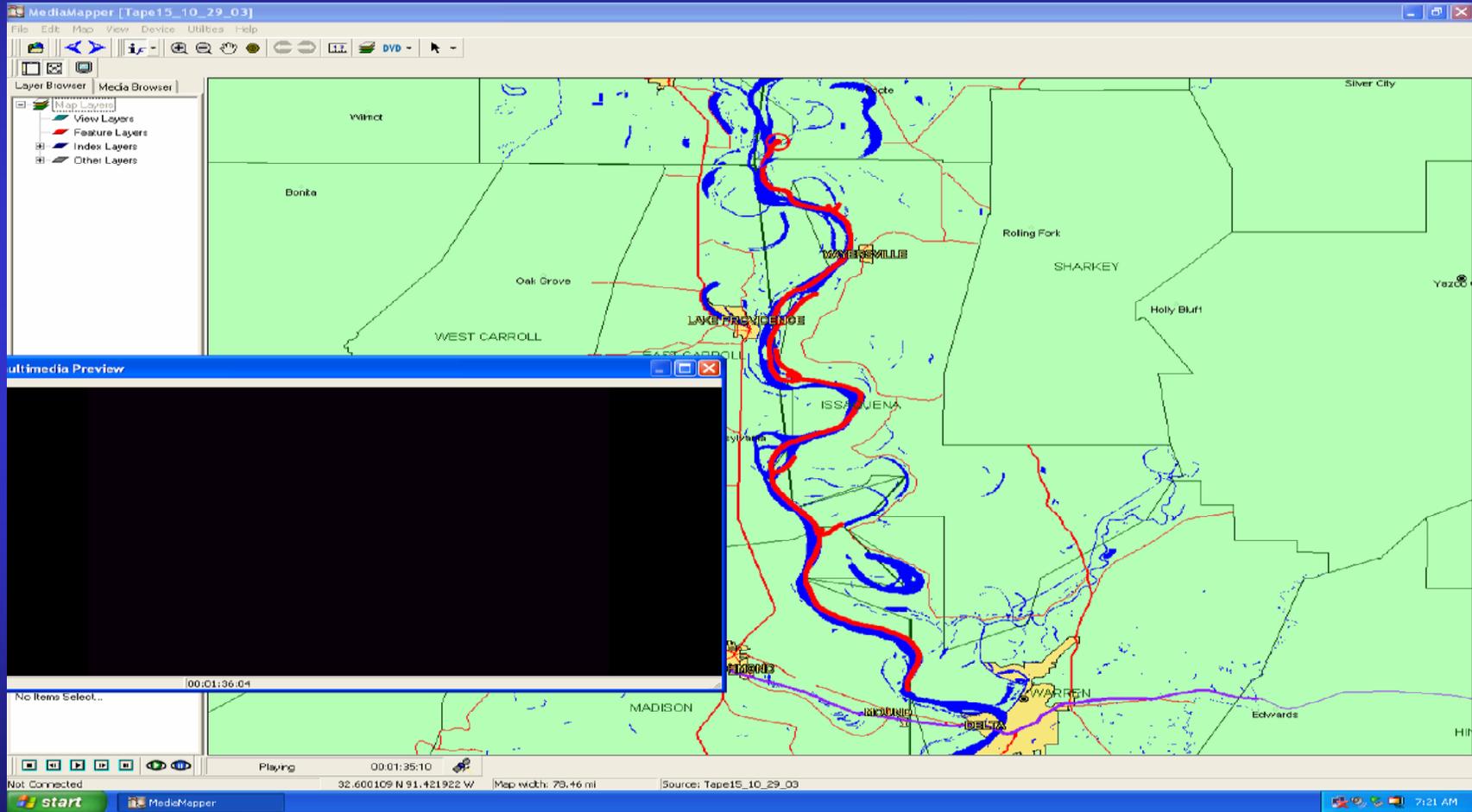
- Document Existing River Training Structures
- Record River Bank Conditions
- Assess Existing Environmental Habitat For Corps And Our Environmental Partners
- Build Database For Later Comparisons
- Prepare For Field Trips
- View Areas Of Customer Problems While In The Office

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# SCREEN SHOT



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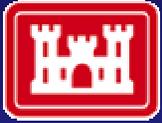


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# Bell Long Ranger



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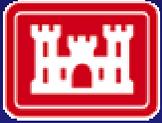


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# Demo

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# Lessons Learned



- Large File Sizes
- DVD Compatibility
- Sun Angles
- Intense Interest

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# Web Based Access



- Phase One - Internal Corps Use
- Phase Two - External Use By Password For Corps Partners (F&WS, LMRCC, State Agencies)
- Phase Three – Full Public Access

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# Problems For Web Access

- Expense
- Data Transfer Speeds
- Security Problems
- Homeland Security

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# QUESTIONS

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