

Regional Interagency Meetings



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To: USACE Division Commanders and USGS Regional Executives

Re: Collaboration between the USACE and the USGS

In October 2009, the Director of Civil Works of the Headquarters U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (HQUSACE) and the Associate Director for Water of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) signed a memorandum asking the regional senior leaders of our respective agencies to hold regular USACE/USGS coordination meetings.

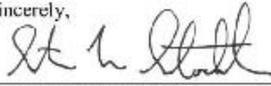
The first regional USGS-USACE coordination meeting was held in October 2010 in St. Louis. The meeting was hosted by the USACE Mississippi Valley Division (MVD). MG Michael Walsh (MVD) and Dr. Max Elhridge (USGS) co-chaired this meeting. Senior regional leaders from four USACE divisions and five USGS regional offices participated: USACE MVD, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD), Northwestern Division (NWD), Southwestern Division (SWD) and USGS North Central Area, Midwest Area, Southeast Area, South Central Area, and Rocky Mountain Area. In addition, representatives from the USACE Engineering Research & Development Center and the Institute for Water Resources attended. The scope of the meeting covered the entire Mississippi River Basin to avoid having multiple individual regional level meetings with overlapping offices.

We were delighted to receive feedback that the meeting participants concluded that the regional meeting was extremely productive and was beneficial to both agencies. The meeting enhanced awareness of the senior leaders regarding each organization's technical capabilities and current and potential activities. The group decided to continue holding a Mississippi River Basin regional meeting at least annually.

We again encourage you to continue to schedule meetings at the regional level in order to identify opportunities for expanded collaboration to the benefit of both agencies. Given the current limited Federal budget, enhanced cooperation and synergy between our agencies is essential if we are to accomplish our respective missions. Regular coordination meetings will increase opportunities for collaboration, expand the network of contacts between the agencies, and strengthen interpersonal relationships of our senior leaders.

Please contact Darwin Ockerman of USGS (703 648 5314; ockerman@usgs.gov) or Rolf Olsen of USACE (703-428-6314; j.rolf.olsen@usace.army.mil) for additional information or help in any way. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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Recent History and Upcoming Meetings

<i>Region/Division</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Comments/History</i>
Southwest Div.	July 27–28	Grapevine, TX	Biennial Meetings since 2003
North Atlantic Div.	Aug 30–31	State College, PA	Annual Meeting since 2010
Northwest Div.	Aug 30	Billings, MT	Annual Mtgs since 2008, Semiannual from 03–08
Miss. Valley Div.	Oct/Nov	TBD	(Mostly) Annual Meeting since 2003
Great Lakes & Ohio R.	Oct 2010	St.Louis	Along with MVD, NWD, and SWD
South Atlantic Div.	June 2009	Raleigh, NC	Last meeting mostly NC area



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Meeting Topics

- **Interagency Communication/Coordination**
- **Flood Activities**
- **Flood Inundation Mapping**
- **Drought Activities and Studies**
- **Climate Change**
- **Operational Overviews (Forecasting, Reservoir Operations, Field/Measurement Activities)**
- **New Technology/Research**
- **Storm Surge Monitoring**
- **Ecological and Water-Quality Issues (e.g. Zebra Mussels, Sediment)**
- **IWRSS – NWS**
- **Budget and Planning Information**
- **Scenario Exercises**



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