

## INTRODUCTION

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Key Points—

- ⌚③ The Corps suffered from the removal of The Board of Rivers and Harbors. The review function they provided ensured the integrity of the technical product. We are trying to rebuild that integrity now.
- ⌚③ The issues of Corps reform make this research effort timely and it is critical that it be done right.
- ⌚③ With a background in H&H, my view is modeling should be straightforward. Engineers have been modeling hydrology for years. The same principles apply everywhere. I think of economic models being similar to H&H models, but maybe more difficult, as the rain may fall in St. Louis and we are trying to measure drops in the Gulf.
- ⌚③ This effort is trying to capture analyses never done before.
- ⌚③ Time is important because Congress & the Administration are interested.
- ⌚③ We owe the American public quality scientific analyses. Technical solutions are not the only solutions. Even the best tech solution will likely be changed by politics.
- ⌚③ We need science based technical solutions so politicians can identify trade offs. We don't want bridges designed by politicians and don't want designers doing politics. .
- ⌚③ We are blessed in this country because we have a stable government. Decisions are made with everyone having open status. Every Corps' project goes through this open process. We need to have someone presenting the science; this is the group to do this for our navigation projects. This group is charged with ensuring that whatever we do over the next years in inland navigation is based on good science.
- ⌚③ At end of day it is sound science that carries any argument. We want to open up science to the public so that they can make decisions with out emotion- we want the public to be informed.
- ⌚③ The people here in this room work for little money but work for service. I appreciate the credibility that you lend to those of us in leadership. Thank you.