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Mississippi River Commission schedules high-water inspection trip

VICKSBURG, Miss. -- The Mississippi River Commission will conduct its annual high-water inspection trip on the Mississippi River, March 29– April 3, 2020.

Four public meetings have been scheduled aboard the Motor Vessel *MISSISSIPPI* in selected towns along the river. Commission members will meet with local partners, stakeholders and residents and hear their concerns, ideas and issues. The meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

- March 30 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. New Madrid, Mo.(City Front)
- March 31 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Memphis, Tenn. (Beale Street Landing)
- April 1 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Greenville, Miss. (City Front)
- April 3 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. New Orleans, La. (New Orleans District Dock)

All meetings are open to the public. Interested parties are invited to present their views on matters affecting the water resources infrastructure needs in the valley, including flood control, the Mississippi River and Tributaries project, and other water resources challenges.

The agenda for each public meeting is as follows:

1. The president of the commission provides a summary report on national and regional issues affecting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and commission programs and projects on the Mississippi River and its tributaries.
2. District commander provides an overview for the commission on current project issues in the respective area.
3. Local organizations and members of the public provide comments on issues affecting the commission and the Corps of Engineers programs and projects.

The Mississippi River Commission, established in 1879, is composed of seven members, each nominated by the President of the United States and vetted by the Senate. Three of the organization's members are officers of the Corps of Engineers; one member is from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and three members are civilians, two of whom are civil engineers.

General duties of the commission include recommending policy and work programs, studying and reporting on the necessity for modifications or additions to the flood control and navigation project and conducting semi-annual inspection trips. The authority of the commission extends the entire length of the Mississippi River from its headwaters at Lake Itasca, Minnesota, to Head of Passes, Louisiana, where the Mississippi River empties into the Gulf of Mexico.