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#### Maj. Gen. Diana Holland

Commanding General Mississippi Valley Division Vicksburg, Mississippi

**08 December 2021** 



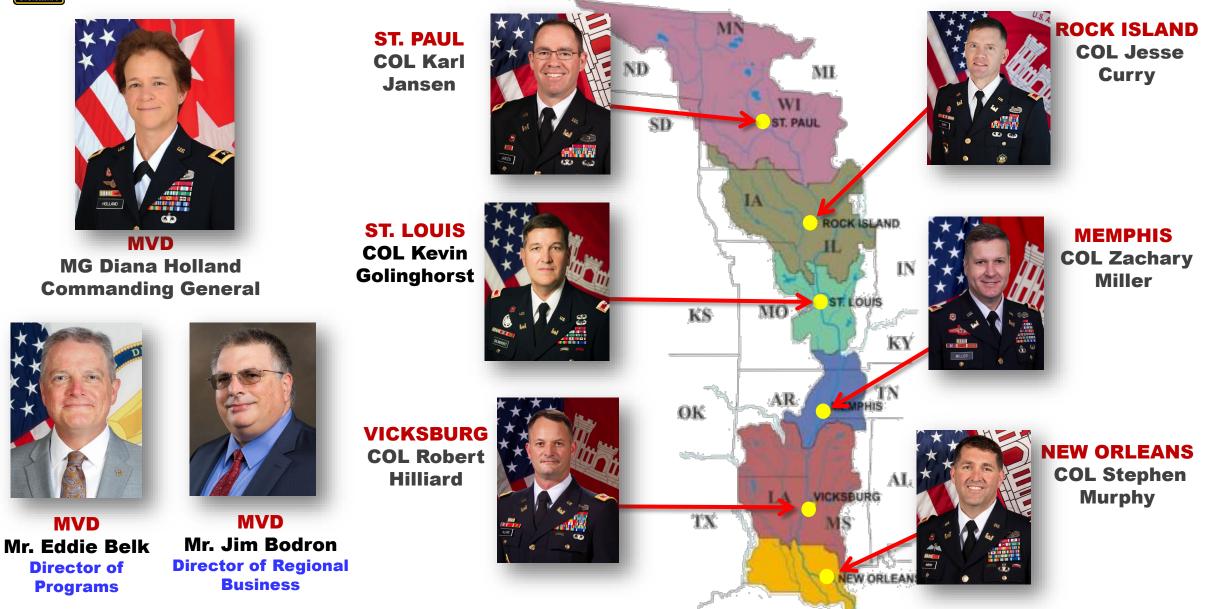






### **DIVISION AND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**







## **MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION**

- Presidentially appointed
- 1879 Congress established
- Seven members: ✓ 3 Corps Officers **1 NOAA Admiral**  $\checkmark$
- 3 Senior Civilians (appointed by POTUS; confirmed by Senate)
- Authority extends entire river - Headwaters to Head of Passes
- Oversees MR&T Project **Corps Districts carry out** the work



Maj. Gen. Diana Holland President









Hon. Riley James

2012

**Civilian Member** 2020

Col. Kimberly

**Peeples** 

**Ohio River** 

Division







Capt. Ben Evans NOAA (Designee)



Col. Geoff Van Epps Northwestern Division

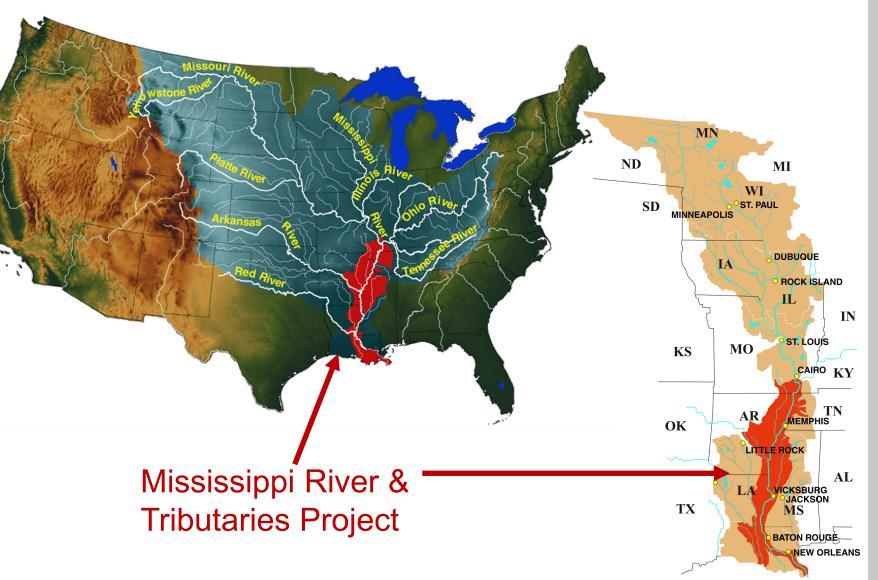


# **MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN**



### and Mississippi Valley Division (MVD)

- USACE mission in the Valley dates back to 1824
- MVD is 1 of 9 USACE Divisions (Regions)
- 6 Districts; > 4,500 Dept of the Army Soldiers and Civilians
- 250+ tributaries drain into Mississippi River, largest are the Ohio, Arkansas and Missouri rivers
- 41% of US water drains through this basin
- 95% of all US imports and exports move on these waterways





### MISSISSIPPI RIVER & TRIBUTARIES PROJECT



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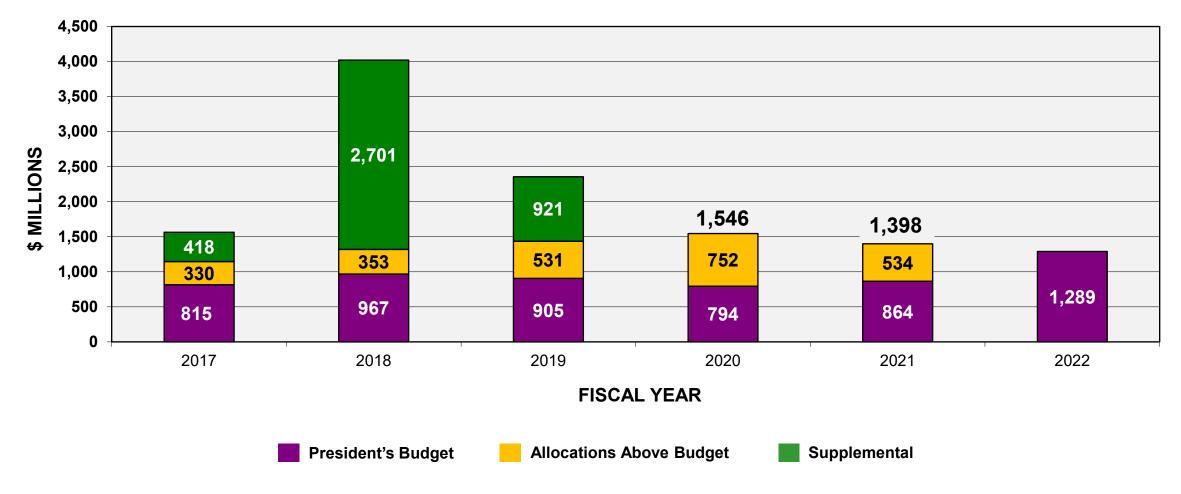
- Consists of levees, channel stabilization, tributary improvements and floodways
- 35,000-square-mile flood plain
- Ten million acres of farmland, numerous urban centers, 4.5 million people protected
- \$16.2 billion invested; \$1.75 trillion in flood damages prevented
- 105 to 1 return on investment
- Performing well where complete/maintained; vulnerable where it is not complete/maintained. The system will be at its best once complete
- Work remaining: Main Stem Total = \$6.7 billion
- A project that changes and adapts to emerging conditions





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### **MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION FUNDING**

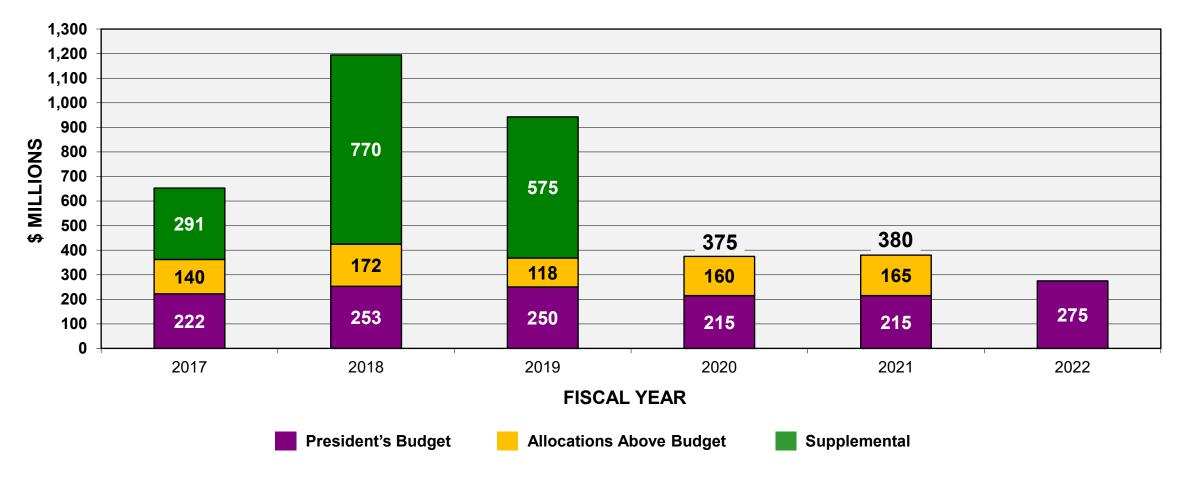


This chart shows the budget amounts, the allocations above the budget amount, and the supplemental appropriations enacted for civil works appropriations in MVD (Investigations, Construction, O&M, MR&T, FC&CE, FUSRAP, & Regulatory) through 2022. FY2020-2021 Pbud amounts exclude FUSRAP, as they were budgeted under DOE. Supplemental appropriations exclude FUSRAP & Regulatory.

President's Budget reflects 1% withholding in O&M account and any Conference adjustments.



### MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES FUNDING



This chart shows the budget amounts, the allocations above the budget amount, and the supplemental appropriations that have been received for civil works appropriations in MR&T (Investigations, Construction, & Maintenance) over the last several years.

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# FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



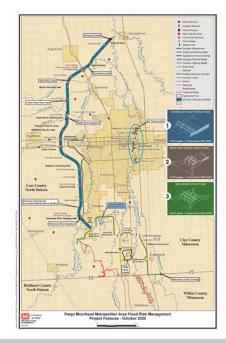
#### **Mississippi River Levees**

- Program that extends from Cape Girardeau, MO to the Gulf of Mexico
- Successfully passed historic flood events in 2011 and 2019, performed as designed
- Signed Record of Decision (February 2021) for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)covers 143 additional construction items across seven states

### Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico

- To reduce risk from flooding and storm surge Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes
- ✓ PPA to be signed 2021
- ✓ Positioned to award 1<sup>st</sup> Construction Contract (Humble Canal Floodgate Preload)





#### **Fargo-Moorhead Metro Area**

- ✓ To protect the Fargo-Moorhead metro area (230K people) from extreme flooding from the Red River (2009 flood).
- ✓ The first Public-Private Partnership (P3) in USACE history. Reduces federal funding requirements, accelerates completion, reduces overall cost.
- ✓ USACE construction of major features underway.

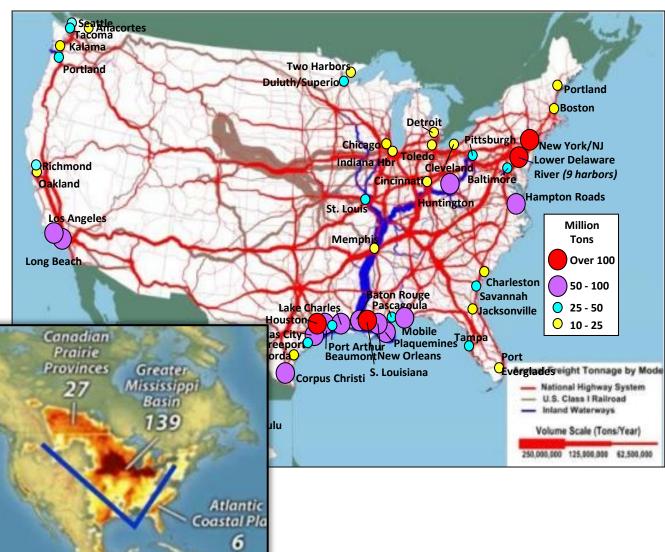




## U.S. PORTS AND INLAND WATERWAYS: VITAL TO OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY



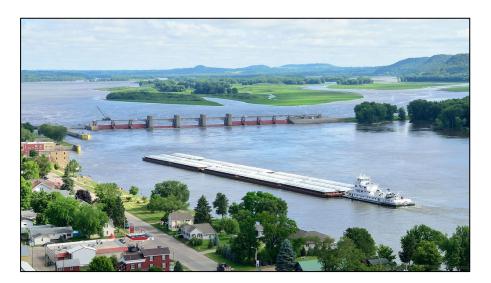
- 95% of all U.S. imports & exports (about \$1.4 trillion) move on waterways and/or ports.
- A network of navigable waterways, integrated with a system of inland harbors, deep draft ports and reduced flood risk for surrounding communities, industry and agriculture.
- Most agricultural lands are within 120 miles of a navigable river.



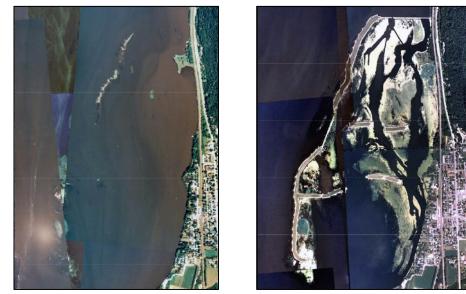


### NAVIGATION AND ECOSYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM (NESP)





Lock Upgrades to Improve Navigation (7 locks)



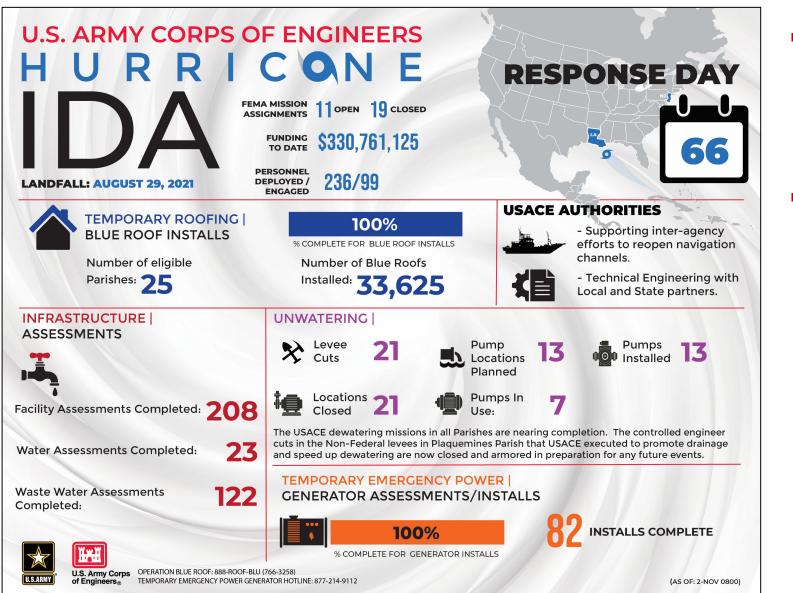
**Ecosystem Restoration (225 projects)** 

- Strong bi-partisan, stakeholder support coalition of states, navigation, ecosystem, agricultural and other organizations
- Multi-pronged approach for restoring our rivers from Minneapolis to Cairo, IL on the Mississippi River along with portions of the Illinois River.
- 40% of design is complete, awaiting New Start and construction funding



### **2021 HURRICANE IDA**





#### Investment

- Hurricane/Storm Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS)
- \$14.9B since Hurricane Katrina

#### Teamwork

- Within USACE
- State of Louisiana
- Governor's Office
- GOHSEP
- CPRA
- Parish leaders
- LA National Guard
- Navigation industry
- FEMA



### Project Partners and Partnerships: Essential to Success!!





MVD and MVN senior leadership work with LA Gov Edwards, LA Lt. Gov Nungesser, and FEMA in response to Hurricane Ida (Sep 2021)



Brazilian Delegation Visit (Nov 2021)

The Corps achieves very little on its own ....We need strong relationships for everything we do!

Together We Make a Powerful Team....

### Thank You!!



Yazoo Backwater Project Site Visit in MS with ASA CW, Sponsor, Mississippi Levee Board (Aug 2021)



MVD and MVP leadership meet with Senator Hoeven, ND Gov Doug Burgum, ND Congressman Armstrong and Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan leaders to discuss Fargo-Moorhead Diversion project (Jun 2021)