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MEMPHIS DISTRICT OVERVIEW

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The Memphis District was established in 1882, and is one of six districts in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Mississippi Valley Division. Encompassing almost 25,000 square miles, the Memphis District is responsible for federal civil works projects in portions of six states -- Arkansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

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District Employees

Commanded by Col. Jeffery A. Anderson, the district employs about 500 federal civil service workers. These professionals and craftsmen provide a broad range of technical capabilities to address the Mid-South region's water resource needs. The Memphis District team includes civil, electrical, structural and mechanical engineers, as well as biologists, economists, clerical workers and many skilled laborers.



Ensley Engineer Yard

In addition to our downtown Memphis headquarters located in the Clifford Davis/Odell Horton Federal Building, we also have river engineering and marine mooring facilities at Ensley Engineer Yard in south Memphis at McKellar Lake. Field offices are located in Wynne, Arkansas, and Caruthersville and East Prairie, Missouri.

The district has three major mission areas – flood risk management, navigation and environmental stewardship – with our total civil works program averaging more than \$100 million a year.



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Dredging for Navigation

On the Mississippi River, the Memphis District maintains a minimum 9-foot-deep, 300-foot-wide navigation channel. The Mississippi River is the heart of a vast inland navigable waterway system that extends for 12,350 miles. Channel improvements and maintenance dredging are primary tools for keeping the Mississippi open. More than 250 million tons of river-borne commodities pass through the district's reach of the river each year.



Emergency Management

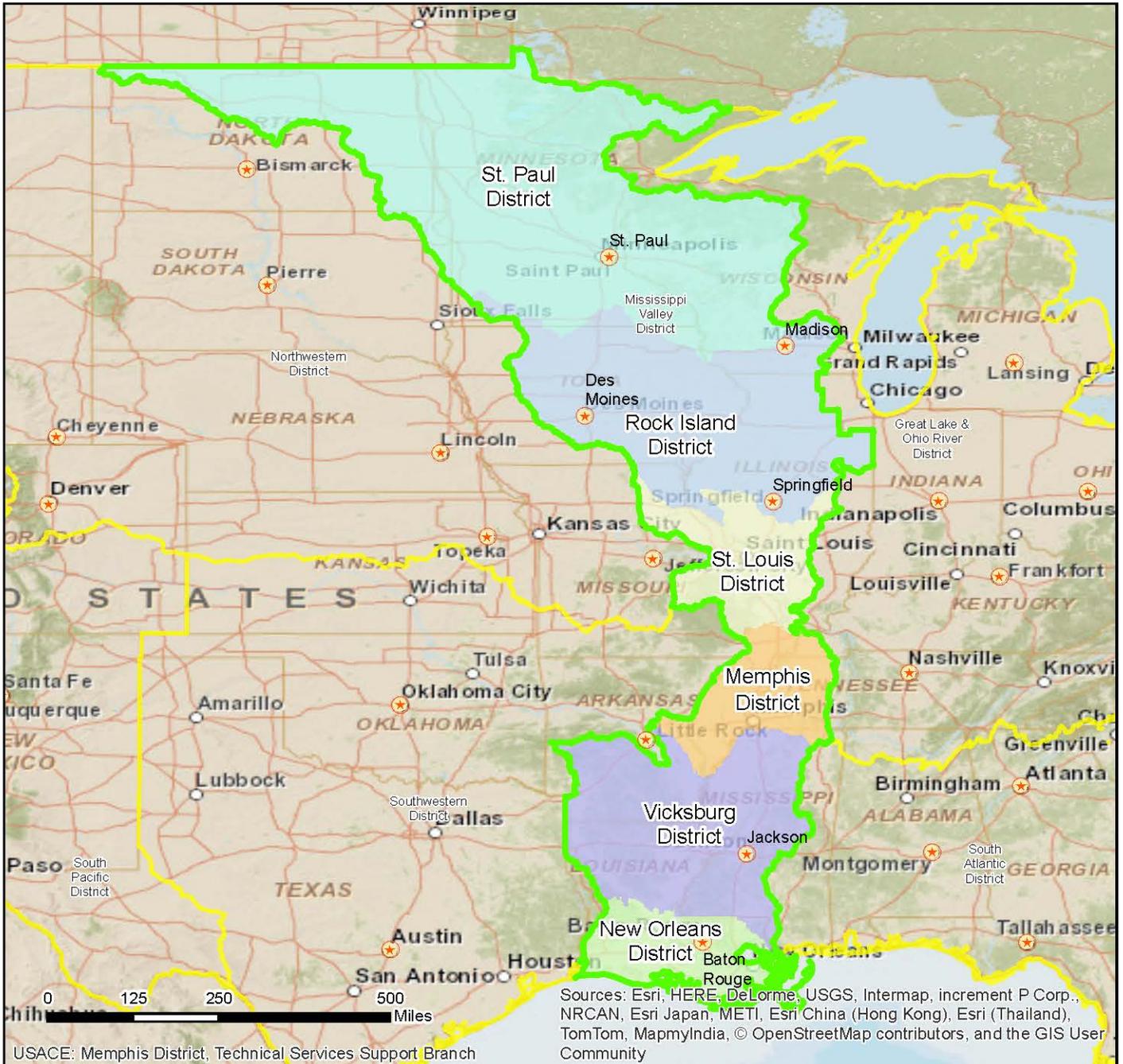
In addition to our main channel navigation and flood risk reduction work, we also provide Emergency Operations planning and response services through our Readiness Branch for natural disasters like floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and man-made disasters.



Students in the STEM Program meet with Memphis District biologists

Overall, the Memphis District is a multi-talented public engineering agency that can solve a variety of civil works problems. We assist other government agencies with their engineering challenges through our "Support for Others Program," and we contribute volunteer community services to the people of the Mid-South. We are also active participants in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program. The District is a valuable resource, and we will help the people of the six states we serve meet the civil works challenges they face.

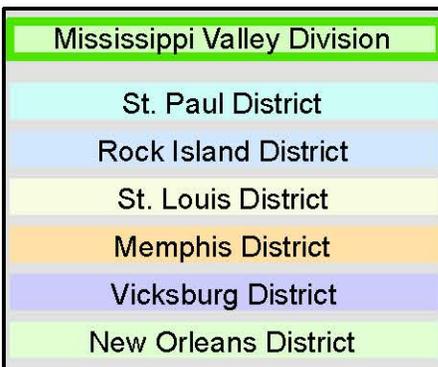
Public safety is the Corps' number one priority. Our pledge is to meet the public engineering needs of your constituents with dedication and professionalism.



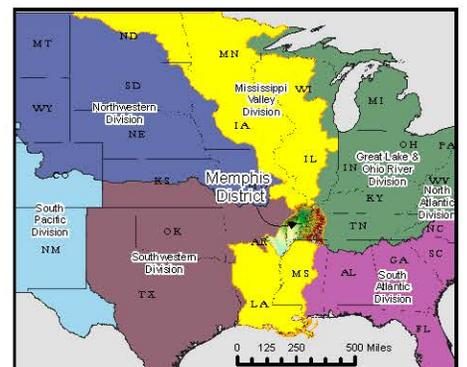
Vicinity Map



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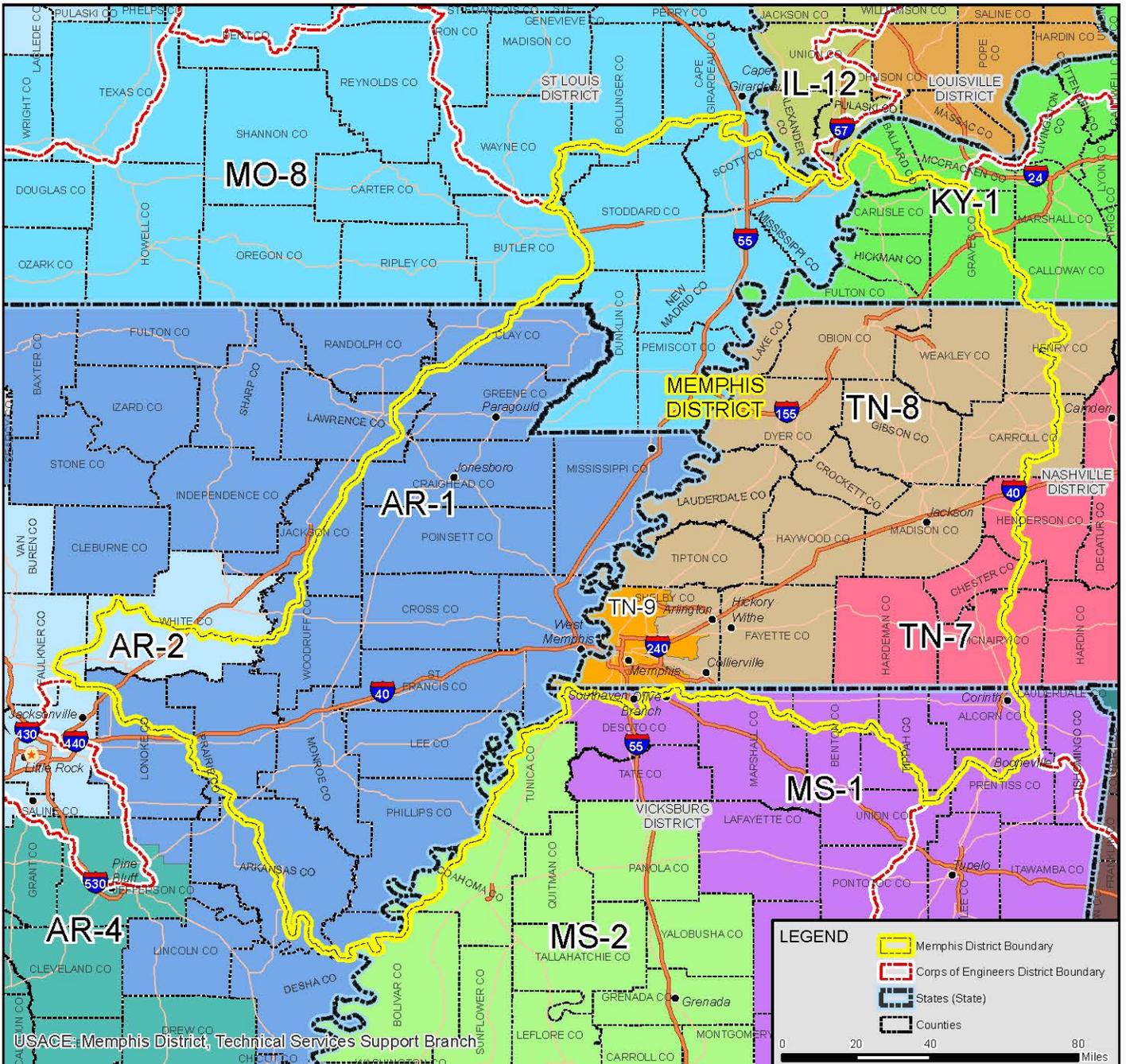
Location in the Division



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS WITHIN MEMPHIS DISTRICT AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY



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ARKANSAS

GOV. Mike Beebe (D)
SEN. Mark Pryor (D)
SEN. John Boozman (R)
REP. Rick Crawford (R AR - 1)
REP. Tim Griffin (R AR - 2)

ILLINOIS

GOV. Pat Quinn (D)
SEN. Richard J. Durbin (D)
SEN. Mark S. Kirk (R)
REP. William Enyart (D IL - 12)

KENTUCKY

GOV. Steven L. Beshear (D)
SEN. Mitch McConnell (R)
SEN. Randal Howard "Rand" Paul (R)
REP. Edward Whitfield (R KY - 1)

MISSISSIPPI

GOV. Phil Bryant (R)
SEN. Thad Cochran (R)
SEN. Roger Wicker (R)
REP. Alan Nunnelee (R MS - 1)
REP. Bennie Thompson (D MS - 2)

MISSOURI

GOV. Jay Nixon (D)
SEN. Claire McCaskill (D)
SEN. Roy Blunt (R)
REP. Jason Smith (R MO - 8)

TENNESSEE

GOV. Bill Haslam (R)
SEN. Lamar Alexander (R)
SEN. Bob Corker (R)
REP. Marsha Blackburn (R TN - 7)
REP. Stephen Fincher (R TN - 8)
REP. Steve Cohen (D TN - 9)



Lower Mississippi River Resource Assessment (LMRRA), AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO, TN

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Authority: Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2000, Sec. 402

Appropriation: Energy & Water Development, Investigations

Local Interest/Project Sponsor: The Nature Conservancy along with a number of organizations which are supportive of this study. A Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) was executed with The Nature Conservancy on 11 January 2012, thus initiating the watershed feasibility study.

Location: The study area covers portions of 7 states, and 66 counties and parishes.

Description: The project is made up of river reaches and adjacent floodplains within the Lower Mississippi River alluvial valley (LMRAV) having commercial navigation channels on the Mississippi mainstem and tributaries south of Cairo, Illinois, and the Atchafalaya basin floodway system. The active floodplain encompasses approximately 1.8 million acres; including 1,600 lakes and 145 river side-channels. The purpose of the study is to develop recommendations for the following three assessments: 1) information needed for river-related management; 2) natural resource habitat needs; and 3) the need for river-related access and recreation.

Importance: The Corps and our partners are working to develop a comprehensive watershed plan for the lower Mississippi River that integrates habitat and recreation management with navigation and flood risk management. The Mississippi River is vital to the Nation's economy and the quality of life in the region. It creates \$105 billion worth of U.S. GDP, drinking water for 18 million people, transports 62% of the nation's agricultural output, and directly supports one million jobs.

Status: Funds are being used to continue the Recreation and Habitat Assessments. Work on the Recreation Assessment began on 27 March 2013 and is scheduled to be completed in November 2014. Work on the Habitat Assessment began on 3 July 2013 and is scheduled to be completed in December 2014.

Issues and Other Information: The reconnaissance report was approved 5 March 2010 and was prepared in

collaboration with an inter-agency team. The current partners associated with providing work in-kind study services include: The Nature Conservancy Great Rivers Partnership (TNC), The Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee (LMRCC - a coalition of 12 state natural resources conservation and environmental quality agencies from Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee and is led by a full time coordinator from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service); The Nature Conservancy State Chapters (Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi); National Audubon Society, Delta Wildlife, Mississippi River Corridor – Tennessee; and Wildlife Mississippi.

Study Financial Data¹:

Estimated Federal Cost:	\$ 1,750,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost:	416,700
Estimated Total Cost:	\$ 2,166,700

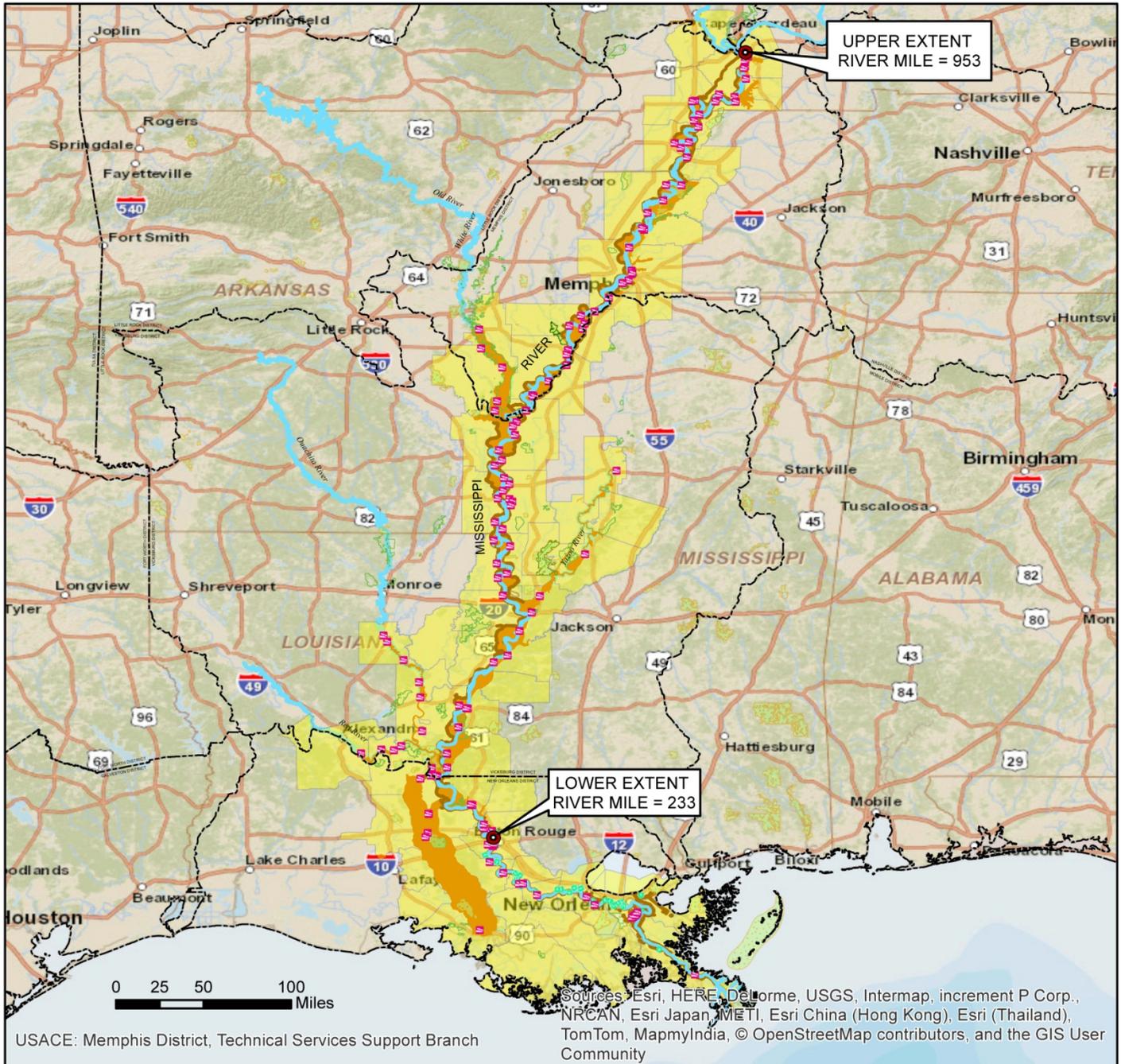
Federal Funding Information:

Allocations thru FY2013	\$ 1,649,300
Allocation for FY 2014	99,000
President's Budget, FY 2015	0

¹Includes both Recon and Feasibility costs.



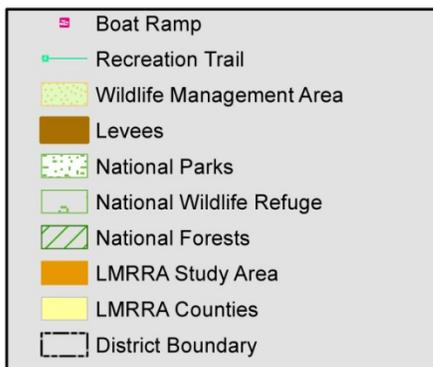
Assessing Information Needed for River-related Management, Habitat Restoration and Recreation & Access Needs within the Lower Mississippi River



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District & Project Location

