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City of Hickman to receive Corps award

MEMPHIS, Tenn., October 1, 2004– The City of Hickman, Kentucky, is scheduled to receive an Outstanding Maintenance Award (OMA) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Oct. 5 at 1:15 p.m. at City Hall.

Col. Charles O. Smithers III, commander of the Corps' Memphis District, will present the OMA to Hickman Mayor, Richard White, to recognize that the city exceeded the Corps' maintenance program requirements for levees, channels, and other flood control structures.

The city is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 4,700 feet of concrete floodwall, one mile of earthen levee, one pumping station and one drainage structure.

These structures and others are designed to provide drainage and reduce flooding, and are vital links in an extensive network within the Lower Mississippi Valley.

The Corps conducts annual inspections to ensure that there are no weak links in the system.