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## **Corps of Engineers ends floodfight north of Memphis**

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 31, 2005 – The Memphis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officially ended its floodfighting efforts on the Mississippi River north of Memphis on the afternoon of Jan. 27. The lands affected by the floodfight were located along the Mississippi River on the west bank from Scott City, Missouri, to the Arkansas-Missouri state line and on the east bank from Cairo, Ill.

The Corps began a Phase I floodfight on Jan. 7 as the river rose above flood stage at Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Cairo, Ill. Because of the unpredictability of the river, this was elevated to a Phase II status on Jan., 10, back to Phase I on Jan. 12, then elevated again to Phase II on Jan. 15. Falling river levels allowed the Corps to drop the level of their floodfighting efforts to Phase I on Jan. 21 until the floodfight ended Jan. 27.

The Corps of Engineers will continue to monitor river levels throughout the spring and will respond as necessary should river levels again rise above flood stage.