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## **Corps reposition barges at the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway**

SIKESTON, Mo., May 1, 2011, 11:54am – Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh, President of the Mississippi River Commission, has directed Col. Vernie Reichling, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District Commander and field crews to be prepared to move to the next step in the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway operational plan at 3 p.m. today.

That step will reposition barges at Birds Point. Walsh said he will review the situation continuously as conditions change. If he directs that the plan move forward, the next steps after repositioning the barges would be: 1. Fill wells with blasting agent; 2. Prime system; 3. Activate the Floodway.

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