

MISSISSIPPI-OHIO RIVER CONFLUENCE UPDATE

US Army Corps of Engineers

Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee

Memphis District

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The construction projects in Cairo, IL and KY are underway. At the Above Cairo, IL., Slurry Trench, the contractor continues to excavate and backfill the slurry trench. The contractor has mobilized to the City of Cairo, IL, Relief Wells site and has installed the piezometers and are installing the surface casings. The Cairo-Mound City Slurry Trench contract has been awarded. And, at Island 8, KY, the contractor continues with drilling pilot holes and excavating ditches.

The Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway Project continues to be a good news story and work is continuing in the reconstruction of the levee system. Phase 1 of the upper and center crevasses is complete. Phase 2 operations at the upper and center crevasses are underway with installation of the pipe system and placement of the levee embankment. Phase 1 of the lower crevasse is nearing completion and Notice to Proceed for Phase 2 was issued Nov. 1, 2012.

The projected weather forecast is predicting minimal precipitation, favorable weather and low river stages which will continue to allow the construction crews to make favorable progress on all the work items.

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Above Cairo (Slurry Trench)

Awarded: September 2011

Forecasted completion: January 2013

In construction

On schedule

7,200 linear feet of soil-bentonite will create an impermeable barrier, reducing the risk of seepage underneath the Mississippi River levee. The contractor has begun excavating and backfilling slurry trench, as shown in the photo at right. Contractor has completed 4,900 feet of trench and is approximately 64% complete with the construction contract.



Above Cairo (Relief wells)

Awarded: September 2011 Completion Date: August 2012 COMPLETED

Contractors completed 28 relief wells which will reduce uncontrolled seepage under the Mississippi River levee north of Cairo. Existing ditches and culverts were improved along roadways to ensure adequate drainage. The final inspection took place on Aug. 18, 2012. Photo shows stone in invert along Rte. 4 Above Cairo relief wells.



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Birds Point—New Madrid Floodway (Levee Repairs)

In construction

On schedule

Construction began: June 2011 Forecasted completion: Dec. 2012

	Crevasse			Forecasted	
Phase	Location	Scope of work	<u>Award</u>	Completion	T.O. value
P #1	Upper	Earthwork to 55 feet (full width)	May 30, 2012	Sep. 28, 2012	\$2,438,963
P #1	Center	Earthwork to 55 feet (full width)	July 13, 2012	Sep. 25, 2012	\$1,428,062
P #1	Lower	Earthwork to 55 feet (full width)	Aug. 1, 2012	November 2012	\$710,229
P #2	Upper	Earthwork to 62.5' with op mech	Aug. 14, 2012	December 2012	\$2,254,893
P #2	Center	Earthwork to 62.5' with op mech	Sep. 19, 2012	December 2012	\$2,734,900
P #2	Lower	Earthwork to 62.5' with op mech	Sep. 7. 2012	December 2012	\$1,850,913

Phase 1 construction operations for the three crevasses are as follows: **Upper**– Phase 1 is 100% complete except for turfing. . Phase 2—Contract is 30% complete. Contractor has installed 4,000 of 11,000 feet of pipe landside and riverside. Contractor has placed approximately 35,000 of 97,000 cubic yards of levee embankment. **Middle**–Phase 1 is 100% complete except for turfing. Phase 2— Approximately 5,900 feet of levee to pipe grade. Contractor has placed approximately 40,000 of the required 81,000 cubic yards of impervious fill to date. **Lower**– Phase 1 contract is 94% complete. Contractor has placed 78,000 of required 80,000 cubic yards. Phase 2 task order awarded Sept. 7. Notice to Proceed was issued 1 Nov 12.





Island 8 (Relief Wells)

In construction

Awarded: July 2012 Forecasted completion: December 2013

On schedule

112 relief wells will improve the resiliency of a mainline Federal levee protecting 350,000 acres in Kentucky and Tennessee. Notice to Proceed was given on Aug. 31, 2012, and the contract is approximately 12% complete. Contractor has drilled 58 pilot holes and begun clearing the site and excavating the ditches.



Cairo-Mound City (Slurry trench)

In construction

Awarded: October 2012
Forecasted completion: December 2013

On schedule

Two landside earthen berms and 4,200 feet of soil-bentonite slurry trench will reduce the risk of seepage underneath the Ohio River levee north of Cairo. Contract was awarded on October 19, 2012 and the preconstruction meeting is being scheduled. Notice to Proceed has not been provided yet.



City of Cairo Floodwall (Relief wells)

In construction

Awarded: August 2012 Forecasted completion: September 2013

On schedule

30 relief wells will reduce the risk of uncontrolled seepage underneath the floodwall and levee system in Cairo. The contractor was given Notice to Proceed on Sep. 27, 2012 and the contract is approximately 20% complete. Contractor has installed the piezometers and begun installing surface casings.

