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Corps of Engineers Presents Diversion Channel Options for Fargo-Moorhead

ST. PAUL, MINN. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, provided information on the Minnesota and North Dakota diversion plans to local leaders on Monday morning. The information will be used by the local leaders to determine if a locally preferred plan should be pursued. The Corps identified a Minnesota diversion channel as the flood damage reduction plan that will provide the most benefit at the least amount of cost or risk to the tax payer.

The information presented can be found at: ftp://ftp.usace.army.mil/pub/mvp/FMM_Feb_Meeting/.

Two public meetings will be held to present this information to the public and solicit feedback. The first meeting will be **Feb. 2** at the Centennial Hall 207 4th St. N. in Fargo. The second meeting will be held **Feb. 3** at the Hanson Theater in the Center for the Arts on the Minnesota State University, Moorhead campus at 801 13th St. S. in Moorhead. Both meetings will begin at 6 p.m. with an open house, followed by a formal presentation at 7 p.m. and a question and answer period ending at 9 p.m. Anyone interested in the study is welcome to attend either meeting.

The Corps, along with its local sponsors, the cities of Fargo and Moorhead, will continue to analyze, optimize and strengthen the final flood damage resolution before the selection undergoes both technical and policy reviews prior to public release of the draft report in May 2010.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, serves the American public in the areas of environmental enhancement, navigation, flood damage reduction, water and wetlands regulation, recreation sites and disaster response. It contributes around \$175 million to the five-state district economy. The more than 638 employees work at more than 40 sites in five upper-Midwest states. For more information, see www.mvp.usace.army.mil.