

**St. Louis District Corps of Engineers / American Council of Engineering
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American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois Liaison Committee
MINUTES
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: URS an AECOM company**

ATTENDEES:

St. Louis District COE

Gary Andruska
Mark Roenfeldt
Susan Wilson

ACEC/MO

John Denlinger, HDR
Paula Grahlherr, Shannon & Wilson
Pam Hobbs, Geotechnology
Rick Lodewyck, CDG
Mel Millenbruck, URS

ACEC/IL

Raed Armouti, CMT
Craig Brauer, TWM
Mark Bross, Klingner
Scott Harding, SCI
Steve McCaskie, Hanson
Todd Welz, Quigg Engrng.

1. Status of WRDA Implementation Guidance Document: 207 Provisions, 8 with published guidance. Document is still under development.
2. Status of Re-Write of Section 408 (Definition of Jurisdiction): The Corps recommends contacting the District in which the project is located for guidance about the applicability of the 408 permit.
3. Priority Projects Identified by the St. Louis District: To be discussed following the finalization of funding – probably by the next Liaison Committee meeting.
4. Update on Management Positions at St. Louis District: Susan Wilson will be transmitting an updated organization chart.
5. Status of Unionization of Professional Services in Illinois: This continues to be a topic of great interest to all in attendance. An effort will be made to have Dave Bender participate in the next meeting by telephone, to update Liaison Committee participants with his insights on the situation.
6. Upcoming USACE MVS IDIQ Solicitations for A-E services (Dam and Levee Safety Inspections IDIQs set to expire): Dam and Levee Safety, and Hydrology and Hydraulics IDIQ will not be renewed. It is anticipated that this work will be done through existing general IDIQs. There are to be AE solicitations for Photogrammetric Mapping and Hydrographic Surveying, which will probably be issued in February.
7. Upcoming Changes to Defining Waters of the United States: Corps and EPA evaluating proposal to withdraw farm/agriculture operations. There may be more clarity by the time of the next Liaison Committee meeting in April.

8. Update on Funding Status: See item 3 above.
9. Method Used for the Levee Repairs in Alton: This is being evaluated by the District using RMC (risk management) procedures. It is anticipated that more information will be available for the next Liaison Committee meeting in April.
10. Status of these Levee Repairs: See item 9 above.
11. With the Newly Passed Omnibus Bill, was there any Funding for Flood Protection or Ecosystem Restoration that is Available to Local Agencies/Communities that is Under the Direction of Corp Districts?: More information will be available when the budget is finalized – see item 3 above.
12. The next meeting will be hosted by the St. Louis District at the Visitor's Center at Lock and Dam 26 (Mel Price) on April 23.

The following items are expected to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Status of unionization of professional services in Illinois, with participation planned by Dave Bender.
- Upcoming changes to defining the Water of the United States.
- Update on funding status, prioritization of projects, etc.
- Update on status of levee repairs in Alton.