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Pittsburgh Corps of Engineers Welcomes New Commander

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA – Colonel Stephen L. Hill, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District, will transfer leadership of the Pittsburgh District to Colonel Michael P. Crall during a traditional military Change of Command ceremony on Friday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m. at Senator John Heinz History Center.

Brigadier General Bruce A. Berwick, Commander of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, will preside over the ceremony.

The Change of Command ceremony symbolizes the continuation of leadership and unit identity despite changes in individual authority; it also represents the transfer of responsibility and authority from one individual to another. The ceremonial passing of the command flag from the departing commander to the arriving commander physically represents this transfer.

As Commander and District Engineer, Crall will lead the Pittsburgh District team of 628 employees in delivering integrated regional solutions that minimize risk and enhance reliability for the Nation's infrastructure, water resources and environment. One of 45 Corps of Engineers Districts, Pittsburgh covers an area of approximately 26,000 square miles extending into five states – Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland and New York. Pittsburgh District supports commercial navigation on the upper Ohio, Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, operating and maintaining 23 locks and dams. Pittsburgh's flood damage reduction mission encompasses 16 multi-purpose reservoirs and 40 local flood protection projects which have prevented over \$11 billion in flood damages.

Crall comes to Pittsburgh after attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Engineer Officer Advanced and Basic Courses and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a Master's in National Security Resource Strategy from the National Defense University. Crall has served in key command and staff positions at Ft. Bragg, N.C., Ft. Lewis, Wash., and the Pentagon as well as in Haiti, Korea and Saudi Arabia.

Hill, who commanded the Pittsburgh District for the past three years, will assume command of the Corps' Gulf Region South District in Tallil, Iraq.

[Media Note: Members of the media are invited to attend the Change of Command ceremony. Please confirm your attendance by phone or e-mail no later than Noon, July 12.]