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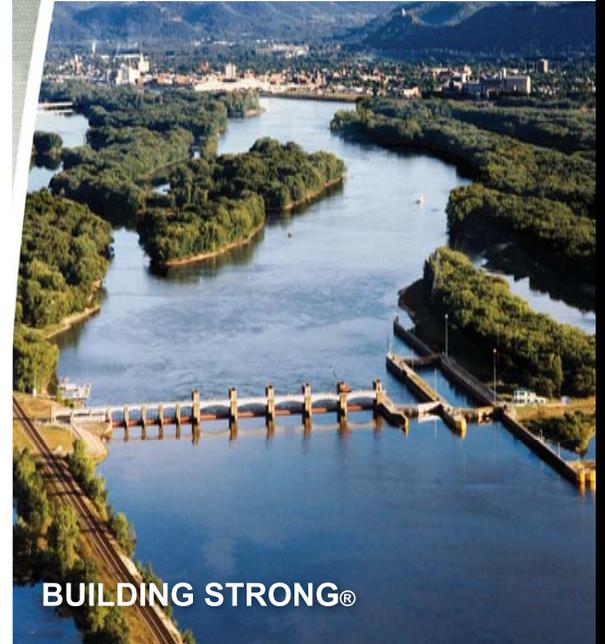
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## Navigation

Many types of vessels use the lock during the navigation season, which extends from mid-March to early December. The lock provides a vertical lift of 5.5 feet for boats, ranging from canoes to large tow boats with barges. More than 12 million tons of cargo pass through the lock annually. Shipments include farm products, chemicals and other bulk commodities. Each year, an average of 11,000 recreational craft use Lock No. 5A.

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Lock and Dam No. 5A is located on the Upper Mississippi River three miles upstream of Winona, Minn. The project includes a lock, a dam with moveable gates, a dike and an overflow spillway. The Corps of Engineers originally put the facility into operation on July 6, 1936, as part of the 9-foot channel authorization, which includes 29 locks and dams, providing a water stairway. In 2000, the Corps completed a major rehabilitation program, including a new control building, to provide reliable service well into the future.

## Balancing Interests

In addition to navigation, the Upper Mississippi River is a valuable environmental resource and provides many recreational opportunities. The Corps of Engineers partners with other agencies to protect and to enhance Mississippi River resources for present and future generations.

