

Lock and Dam No. 5 is located 12 miles upstream from Winona, Minn., and serves as a step in the Upper Mississippi River waterway of 29 locks and dams.



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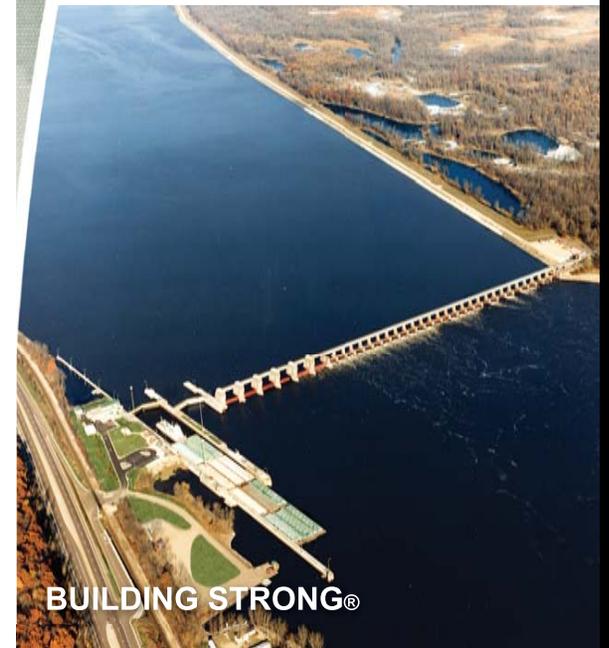
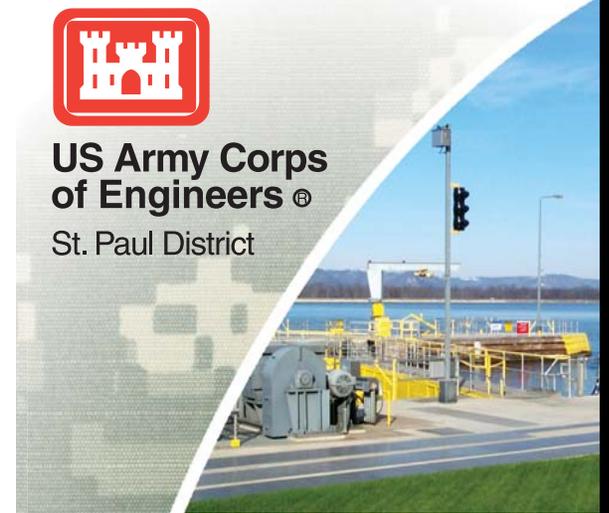
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Navigation

Numerous types of vessels use Lock No. 5. Annually, an average of 12 million tons of cargo pass through the lock. The main commodities include farm products, chemicals, sand and gravel. Also, as many as 9,000 recreational craft use the lock each year.

Visitors

Thousands of people enjoy recreational boating and visiting the lock. An observation platform provides an opportunity for visitors to view lock and dam operations.

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Lock and Dam No. 5 is located along the scenic bluffs of the Mississippi River 12 miles upstream from Winona, Minn. The project includes the lock, a dam with moveable gates to control river flow and 3-1/2 miles of earth dike. The Corps of Engineers originally placed the facility in operation in May 1935. After more than 50 years of service, the Corps undertook a major maintenance program to replace much of the operating equipment and to construct a new control building, which was completed and dedicated in June 1998. The rehab work will ensure that the lock provides 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 resources for present and future generations.

