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Iowa Congressman Disputes Corp of Engineers Report

The latest Missouri River study being released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is being criticized by a congressman as "incomplete" and, in some respects, "inaccurate." The study found adding flood storage to the Missouri River system would not have prevented damage to barge and recreational traffic during the record flooding across Nebraska and Iowa last year. Iowa Congressman Steve King doesn't buy the claims. (play audio :22 seconds)

King, a Republican from Kiron in western Iowa, is also upset that the Corps released the report without first meeting with members of Congress. (play audio :06 seconds)

King says he's working on setting up a meeting with Corps officials in Omaha. The Corps report indicates if flood control storage were increased by roughly 30% upstream of Gavins Point Dam in South Dakota, peak releases could be reduced from 160,000 cubic feet per second to 100,000 cfs (C-F-S). But even with the lower releases, the Corps notes widespread damages would not be prevented. (play audio :23 seconds)

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