



Briefing Notice

The Mississippi River Resilient and Healthy Rivers Series

Tuesday, **October 08, 2024** • 12:00 - 1:30 PM EDT

Dirksen Senate Office Building SD-G11

50 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002

Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP @ eesi.org/100824rivers#rsvp

Live webcast will be streamed at eesi.org/livecast

The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to the kickoff briefing of our Resilient and Healthy Rivers briefing series. This first briefing examines the environmental challenges facing the Mississippi River and solutions to address them. Spanning 10 states, the Mississippi plays a key role in tourism, commerce, biodiversity, and recreation in the United States. In particular, the river system moves hundreds of millions of tons of freight each year, serves as a home to hundreds of different fish, mammal, and amphibian species, and supports 1.3 million jobs. However, like many other river systems to be featured in this briefing series, the Mississippi River and the communities that depend on it face challenges such as nitrate pollution, saltwater intrusion, flooding, and low water levels—many of which are exacerbated by climate change. At this briefing, Mississippi River experts will discuss the role of federal policy in advancing strategies to improve both the health and climate resilience of the river system.

Speakers to be announced.

- ▶ **Colin Wellenkamp**, Executive Director, Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative
- ▶ **Sarah Murdock**, Senior Director of U.S. Lands and Waters Policy, The Nature Conservancy
- ▶ **Amanda Moore**, Senior Director, Gulf Program, National Wildlife Federation
- ▶ **Katie Flahive**, U.S. EPA and Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force Coordinating Committee Co-Chair
- ▶ **Magali Rojas**, Director, Community Engagement Coordinator, Heartland Environmental Justice Center (Hispanic Access Conservation Network)

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The Tennessee River, Wednesday, December 11, 2024 | **The Columbia River**, Wednesday, January 15, 2025

The Colorado River, Wednesday, February 19, 2025 | **The Hudson River**, Wednesday, March 19, 2025

The Ohio River, Wednesday, April 16, 2025 | **“Small But Mighty” Rivers**, Wednesday, May 21, 2025

This event is free and open to the public.

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