

U.S. Geological Survey

Focus and Vision for the Illinois River System

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Four Disciplines

- Biological Resources
- Geography
- Geology
- Water Resources

Bureau within U.S. Department of Interior





Areas of USGS Focus for Illinois River System

- Data Collection and Dissemination
 - Water Quality Assessment at Outlet
- Long-term Resource Monitoring Program (LTRMP)
- USGS Cooperative Program for Interpretive Studies
- Providing Geospatial Support



Basic Data











Basic Data

Over 25 Federal, State, and Local Cooperators

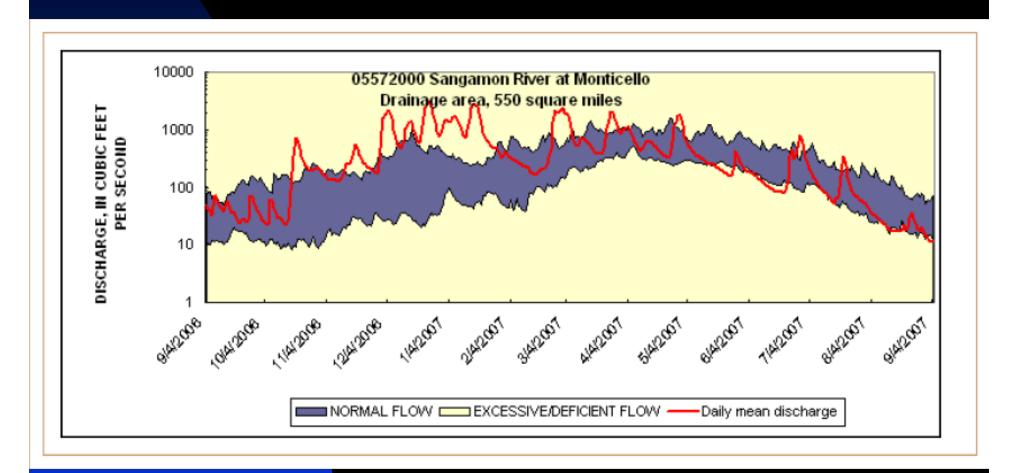
Illinois River at Valley City, Illinois



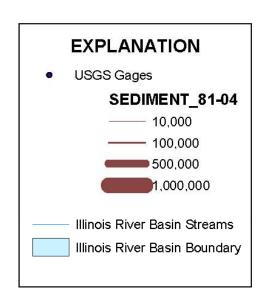




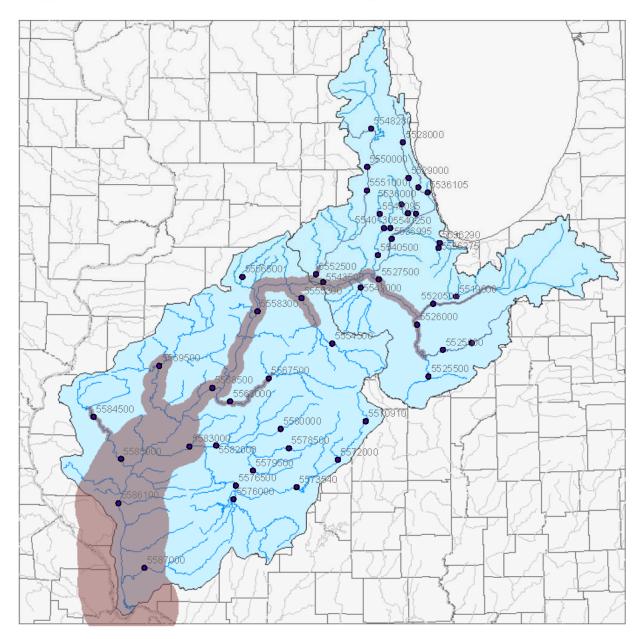
Hydrologic Conditions Assessment



Sediment Average Load (Tons/Year), 1981-2004









LTRM Program (Long Term Resource Monitoring)

Partners:

USACE

USFWS

USGS

Dept. of Agriculture

Dept. of Transportation

EPA

Minnesota DNR

Wisconsin DNR

Illinois DNR

Illinois NHS

Iowa DNR

Missouri DC



Six state-operated field stations have been established for data collection:

2 stations in IL



USGS Cooperative Water Studies

Blackberry Creek Continuous Modeling







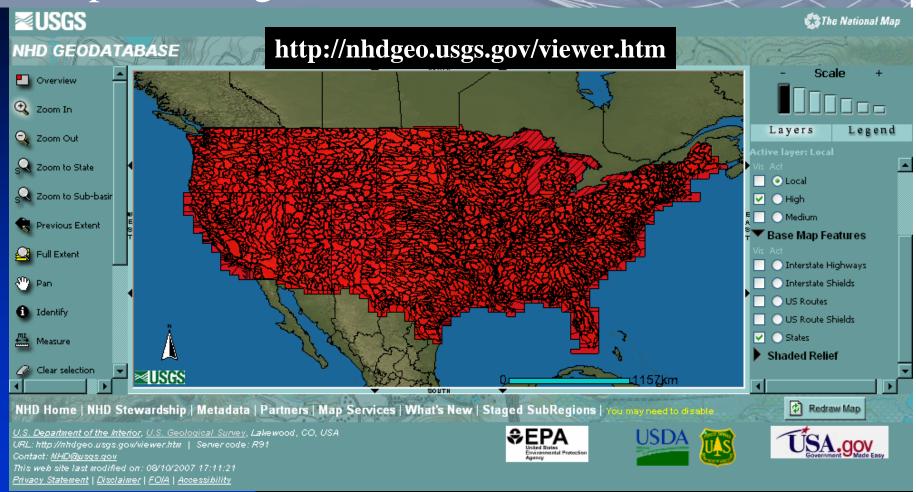
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Impacts of Dam Removal





Geospatial Programs





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