Increased Runoff Not a Concern for Missouri River Reservoirs

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - More water than normal flowed into the Missouri River system last month because of the amount of snow melting, but officials say the reservoirs can handle it.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Tuesday the increased runoff was expected. May's runoff was about 130 percent of normal.

The corps is predicting the Missouri River system that stretches from Montana down through the Dakotas and into Missouri will see 31.1 million acre feet of water this year. That's down slightly from last month's prediction, but ahead of the average of 25.2 million acre feet.

Jody Farhat with the corps says the reservoirs along the river are in a good position to handle the increased runoff, and less than 25 percent of this year's snowpack remains.

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