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Smith says Corps Should Decide Missouri River Water Flow

In the wake of last year's record flooding on the Missouri River, some members of Congress are demanding a new management style for the U-S Army Corps of Engineers. Nebraska Congressman Adrian Smith has been critical of the Corps, but says technical decisions about waterflow should still be left up to the experts. (play audio :16 "...provide us.")

Smith says while this year has not been nearly as wet as last year that can change quickly. (play audio :13 "...our policies.")

Smith says the Corps has to work with Congress on changes to the river's master manual to allow for the extremes. (play audio :25 "...complications downstream.")

In wet years, too, if there's a mandated flow rate, he says the water would have to be run through even when there are indications of complications that would result downstream.

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