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Ag Secretary Critical of Corps of Engineers

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack says the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should be more nimble in responding to weather events that impact the agency's management of the Missouri River. (PLAY AUDIO :17 SECONDS)

Farmers and others along the Missouri River have complained about the way the Corps managed the release of water from upstream dams last year -- leading to massive, long-term flooding along the river corridor. Vilsack says the Corps needs to build "more flexibility" into its management plan for the Missouri. (PLAY AUDIO :22 SECONDS)

Vilsack says the Corps should "be more engaged" in an on-going review of its management plan for the Missouri or any other river. (PLAY AUDIO :18 SECONDS)

Record flooding hit wide sections of eastern Nebraska, Northwest Missouri, Northeast Kansas and western Iowa last year as the Missouri River pushed out of its banks for much of the summer.

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