

Vulnerabilities

Flood Risk Reduction and Inland Navigation

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Primary Mission Areas

- **Creating and maintaining navigable channels**
- **Reducing flood and storm damage, and**
- **Restoring aquatic ecosystems**



Inland & Intracoastal Waterways

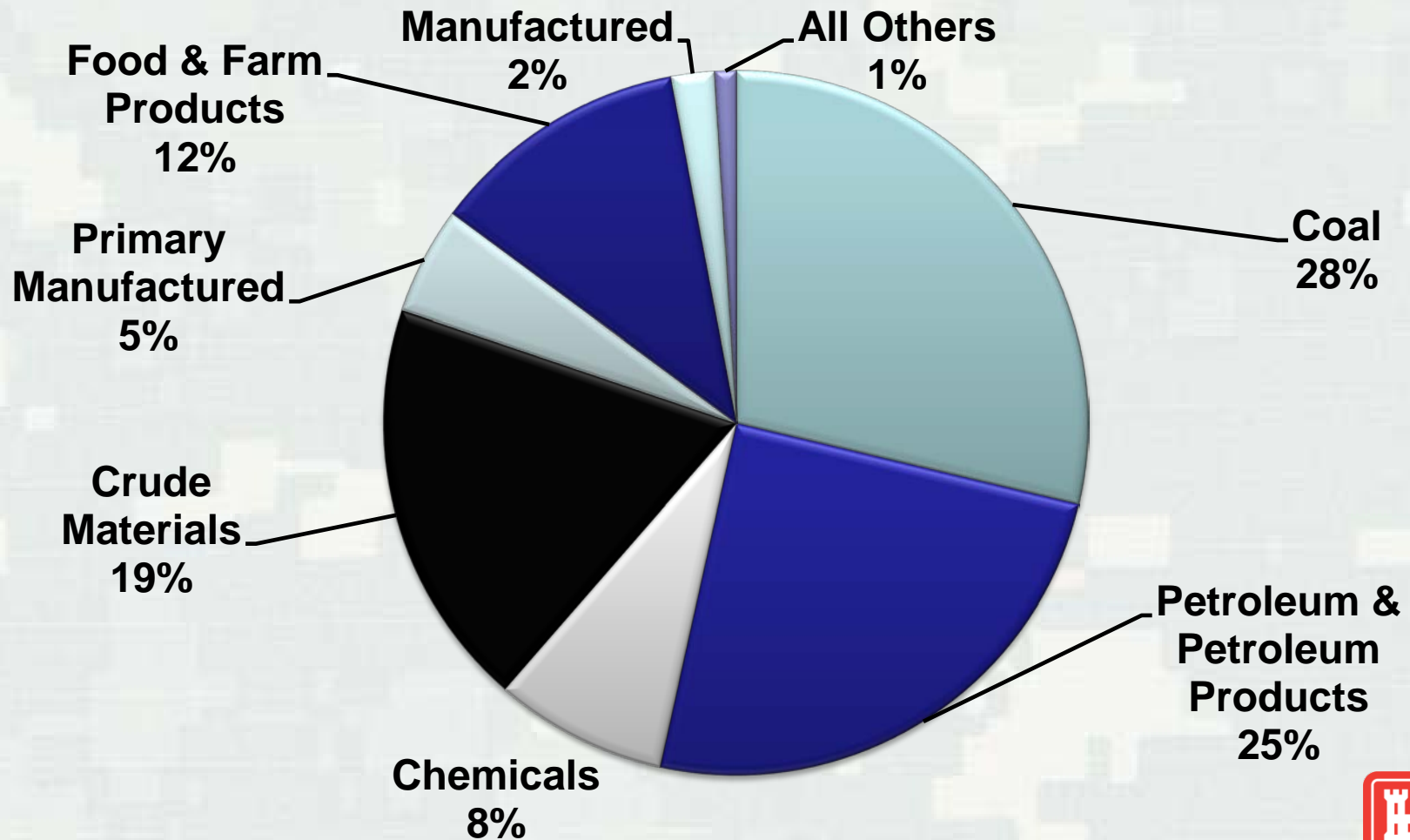


- ~ 24,000 miles in US
- Carries 1/6 of cargo between US cities
- Barges particularly well suited for movement of bulk commodities



Inland Waterways Commodities

(Share by Ton)



Inland and Intracoastal Waterway Statistics

- **Directly serve 38 states**

- ▶ Nation's heartland
- ▶ Atlantic
- ▶ Gulf Coast
- ▶ Pacific Northwest

**622 Million tons
Cargo (2007)**

- **All domestic waterborne commerce (inland, coastal and Great Lakes)**

- ▶ > 1Billion tons
- ▶ > \$380 B (2007)

- **TX, LA and AK > \$20 B annually**

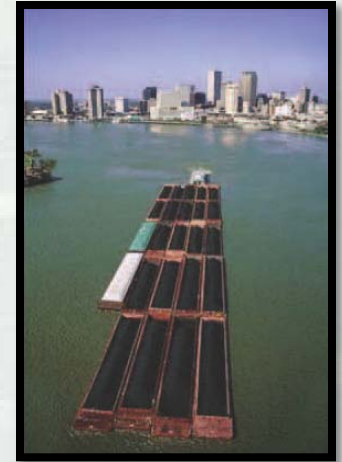
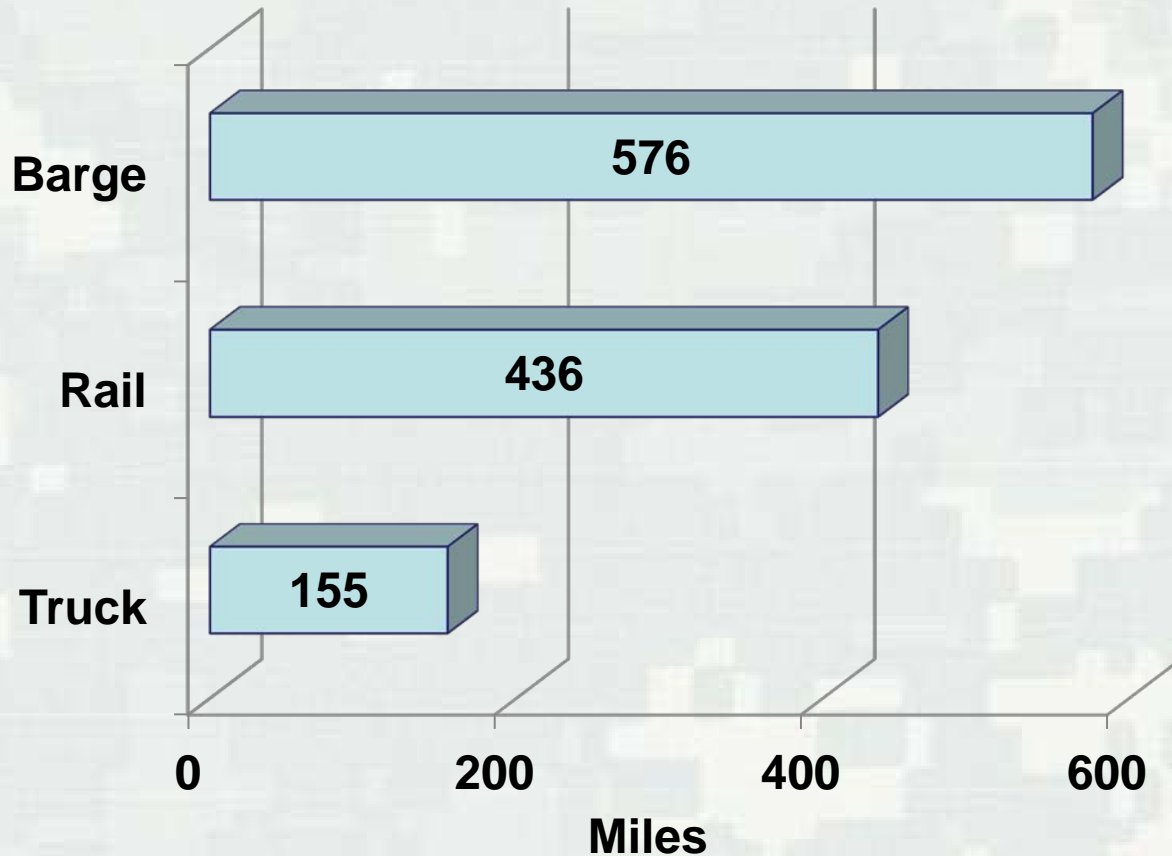
- **IL, NY, CA & WA \$10 B -> \$20 B annually**

- **8 other states \$5B -> \$10B annually**



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Average Miles per Gallon Fuel per Ton



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Consequences



New Orleans - 2005



Nebraska- 2012

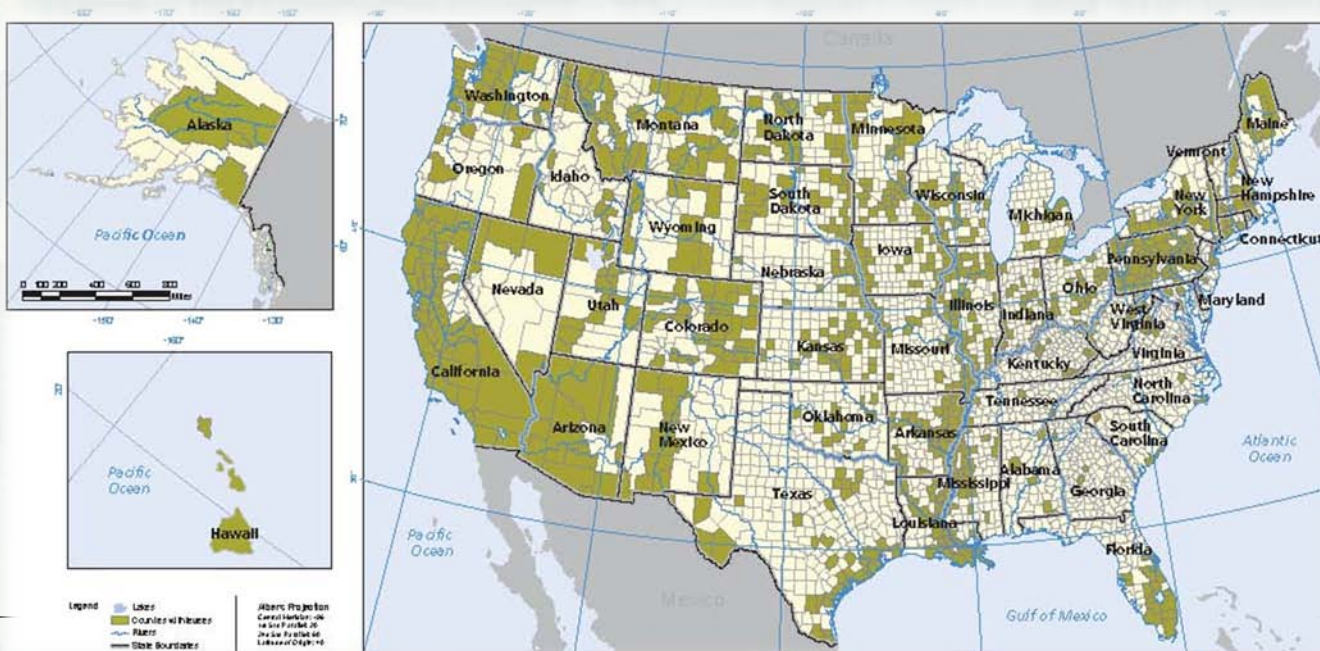
Mississippi- 2011



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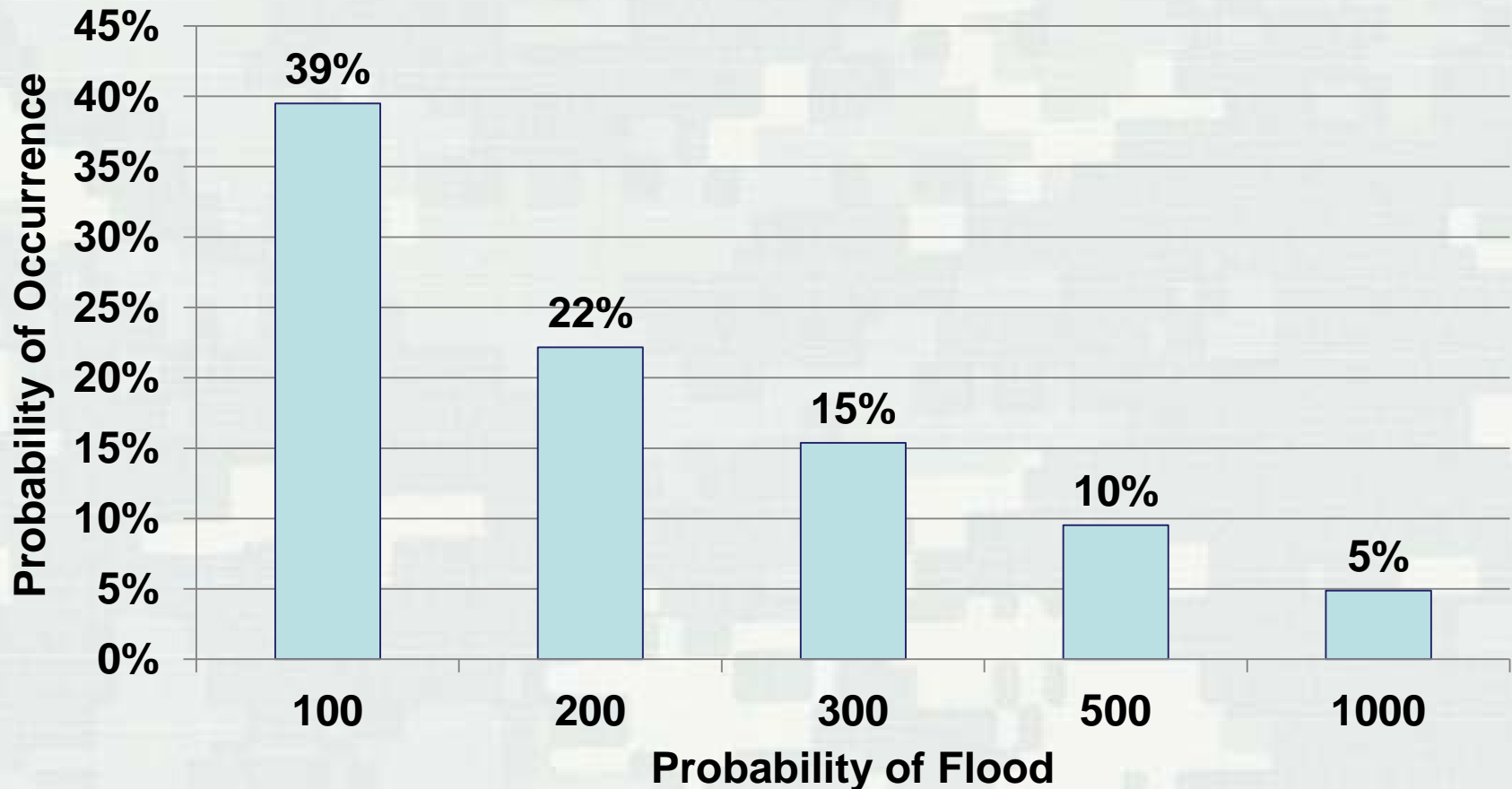
US Levee System

- Est. 100,000 miles of levees in US
- USACE maintains
 - ▶ 2000 levee systems
 - ▶ ~ 14,000 miles of levees



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Chance of Flood Occurring in 50-Year Period



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US Lock System

- **257 Locks**

- ▶ **122 locks > 60 years old**
- ▶ **30 locks built before 1900**
- ▶ **American Society of Civil Engineers graded the condition of US inland waterways as “D-” (2012)**



Climate Change Impacts

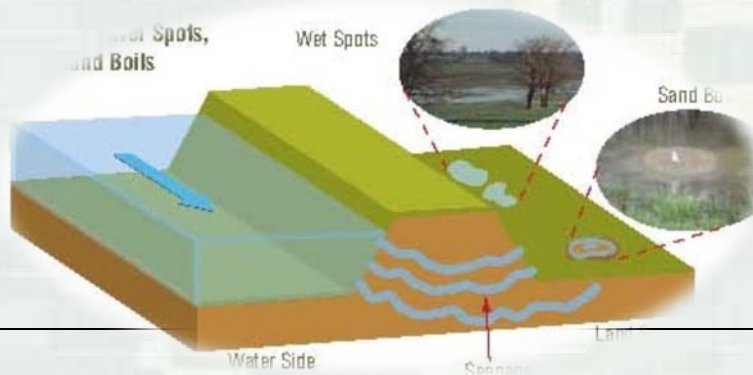
■ Greater intensity and frequency of storms

► Coastal areas

- Greater probability of storm run-up “overtopping” levees and coastal structures (typically built to 1% probability storm event)
- Increased rates of levee erosion

► Riverine areas

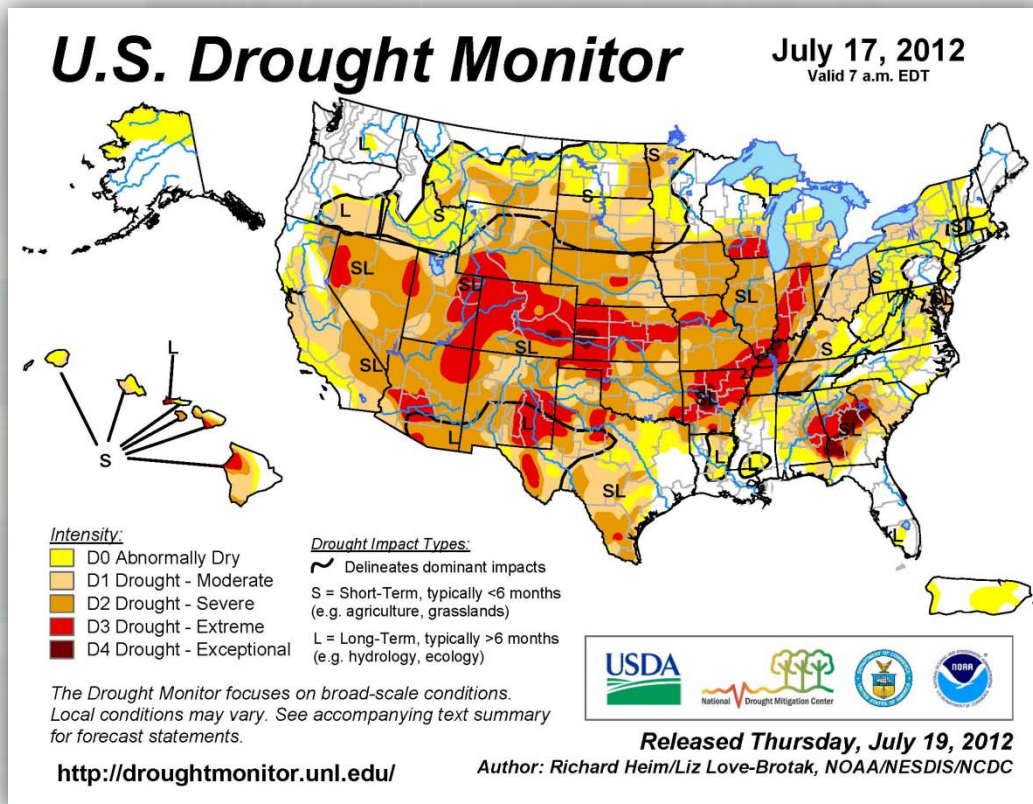
- Increased depth of flood events
- Decreased warning of flood events



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Climate Change Impacts

- Decreases in precipitation -> decreases in available navigation flows



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Risk

- Risk = Probability x Consequence
- Risk is a function of;
 - ▶ Quantification
 - ▶ Communication
 - ▶ Management



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