

**Karin M. Jacoby, Executive Director, MO-ARK Association, Kansas City, Missouri**

In September of 2008, Ms. Jacoby accepted an appointment by the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, to serve on the National Committee on Levee Safety. The Committee is tasked with developing and presenting to Congress specific recommendations to improve levee safety. She is one of the two local/regional representatives, and will be working alongside several state, business and tribal representatives, together with the Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Prior to accepting this appointment, Ms. Jacoby was the Manager of Waterways in the Water Services Department for the City of Kansas City, Missouri. For more than a decade she sought to both broaden and refine the approach used to formulate, fund and execute waterway projects, and as the program continued to grow it later evolved into the City's Waterways Division. Since 2001 Jacoby has served as Executive Director of the MO-ARK Association, a regional organization formerly known as the Missouri-Arkansas River Basin Association, whose purpose is to seek beneficial use of water and land-related resources.

Ms. Jacoby was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 2006 after completing her law degree at the University of Missouri, Kansas City – School of Law. In 1999 she earned her Master's Degree in Public Administration, also from UMKC. She holds an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Missouri, and is a licensed Professional Engineer. She is also a member of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE), the American Public Works Association (APWA) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).