

Iowa Science Center Participates in Great Rivers Study

The USGS, Iowa Science center is currently working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) along with other federal and state agencies to determine the environmental health of Great Rivers in the central United States. Iowa scientists are currently taking water chemistry and sediment samples from the Missouri River. The riparian habitat is being examined as well, including fish, invertebrates and algae. The Mississippi and Ohio Rivers are also a part of this study.

This project is a part of the EPA's Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP). The information from these studies will help river managers make more informed decisions by providing them a "report card" on the current status of the rivers.

To learn more about this project, you can visit the EPA's web site <http://www.epa.gov/emap/greatriver/FactSheet.pdf> and continue to visit this USGS site for updates as they become available.



USGS scientists collect water chemistry and sediment samples



Examining riparian habitat plots



Recording fish samples