

Sen. Joni Ernst Remarks

Senate Field Hearing with Grassley in Southwest Iowa on Army Corps' River Management

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U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) will chair a Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee [field hearing](#) in Southwest Iowa focusing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' river management following the devastating flooding in the region. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) will also participate. Witnesses will include officials from the Army Corps and local leaders and stakeholders from Fremont County, among others.

"As Iowans continue to recover from the devastating floods, we need answers to the critical question of how best to manage our rivers and water infrastructure," **said Senator Joni Ernst**. "This hearing will bring together officials from the Army Corps and local leaders and stakeholders to examine what happened over the last few weeks and discuss how we can prevent this kind of destruction from happening again."

"Flood control should be the number one priority of the Army Corps of Engineers," **said Senator Chuck Grassley**. "The current river management policy needs fixing, and recent flooding makes that more urgent than ever. This hearing will help put a spotlight on the real-world impact that policies crafted in Washington have on Iowans and Americans across the Midwest. I thank Senator Joni Ernst for her hard work and leadership on the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee. Having her in this key role will continue to pay dividends for Iowans."