

# Quotes on 2014 Mississippi River Sediment and Dredging

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- July 30<sup>th</sup> **La Crosse Tribune**
  - “A freakish amount of sediment left when the Mississippi River Braked from flood stage to low water”
  - “We had a lot of high water, and water that high and fast carries a lot of sediment. When it drops fast, which it did, it can’t carry the sediment, so it drops it”
  - “I’ve been told by co-workers that they’ve never seen conditions like this, and that spans 25 to 30 years of experience.”
- July 31 **Star Tribune:**
  - “As the rain fell Mississippi tributaries swelled and became a torrent, carrying with them tons of sediment that tumbled quickly to the bottom”
  - “Dredging is part of the annual maintenance routine for the Corps, but nothing like this year’s emergency Operations
- August 6<sup>th</sup> **Winona Daily News**
  - “Months of heavy flooding and high water levels deposited large amounts of sediment in the river earlier this year, said Steve Tapp, the Corps operation manager for the channels and harbor project office. After the prolonged period of high water, the river fell quickly and the deposited sand and sediment blocked commercial river traffic.”
  - “This was a significant event that brought in a lot of sediment to the area, said Tapp. When the water dropped it dropped fast and left a lot of problems for us.”
- **Spatial and Temporal Variability in Floodplain Backwater Sedimentation, Pool Ten, Upper Mississippi River.** by Lindsay Theis and James Cox- UW-Madison
  - “Sedimentation in the Upper Mississippi River aquatic habitats known as backwaters has been in issue of concern since the installation of navigation Lock and dams in the Late 1930’s”
  - “.....recent large magnitude floods on the Upper Mississippi River seem to be a major source of backwater sediments.”
- **Sedimentation Causes and Solutions in Swift Creek and Bluff Slough, La Crosse, WI** by John A. Hoopes and Chad T. Heimerl- Civil & Environmental Engineering Department
  - Sedimentation within the Upper Mississippi River System has been occurring for thousands of years
  - The backwater areas of Swift Creek and Bluff Slough, located near La Crosse, WI, have also experienced these accelerated sedimentation rates over the past decades.