

Low Water Event of Summer, 2005

A prolonged period of below normal rainfall that began after the January, 2005 flooding, brought river elevations to some of their lowest levels in recent years. Both the Mississippi and Lower Ohio Rivers were low enough to affect river transportation.



A barge passes by sandbars in the Ohio River near Paducah, KY in mid August. Photo taken from Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis, Illinois. The Interstate 24 bridge is visible upriver.