

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER RESTORATION
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (UMRR-EMP)

**Crediting UMRR-EMP
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Many people within the UMRS Partnership, including the public and private sectors, are unaware of basic information about the Upper Mississippi River Restoration - Environmental Management Program (UMRR-EMP) and its two components; Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Projects (UMRR-EMP HREP or HREP) and Long Term Resource Monitoring (UMRR-EMP LTRM or LTRM). One area of confusion stems from not having standardized language to refer to the UMRR-EMP, and/or its components, in documents and other communications.

This has led to a lack of recognition for all the ways LTRM contributes to products and activities on the river. LTRM should be recognized for the products it produces and for those produced by funding from LTRM to other agencies. However, there are many other products, river activities, planning efforts, etc., to which LTRM makes significant contributions, including direct use or leveraging of LTRM data, staff, expertise, equipment, facilities, etc., that go unrecognized. None of these contributions would be available without UMRR-EMP LTRM. Giving credit to LTRM helps those unfamiliar with the Program to understand how UMRR-EMP LTRM supports and enables other important work on the Upper Mississippi River System and other large rivers. The following are examples of text for your use to properly give credit to LTRM.

1) For reports, papers, other documents, posters, etc:

“The Long Term Resource Monitoring (LTRM) component of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Upper Mississippi River Restoration - Environmental Management Program (UMRR-EMP) is implemented by the USGS Upper Midwest Environment Sciences Center (UMESC), in cooperation with the five Upper Mississippi River System (UMRS) states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) provides guidance and has overall program responsibility.”

“This study (or report, etc) was funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Upper Mississippi River Restoration - Environmental Management Program’s Long Term Resource Monitoring component.” You could also expand this when appropriate with information like, “implemented by the USGS/UMESC.....”

“This study was conducted as part of the Long Term Resource Monitoring, a component of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration – Environmental Management Program. The LTRM is a cooperative program between the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Geological Survey, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.”

For LTRM funded work: “This project was funded by the Upper Mississippi River Restoration –Environmental Management Program: Long Term Resource Monitoring, in collaboration with the [your state or agency name]. “

2) For crediting staff:

“...would like to thank [the scientists/staff/experts] of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration - Environmental Management Program’s Long Term Resource Monitoring component for”

3) For identifying on Field Station web sites homepage:

“The (field station name) is one of six field stations on the Upper Mississippi River System (UMRS) supported by the Long Term Resource Monitoring (LTRM) component of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration – Environmental Management Program (UMRR-EMP). The mission of the LTRM is to provide river managers with information and understanding needed to maintain the Upper Mississippi River System as a sustainable multiple-use river ecosystem. Funding and overall management responsibility of the UMRR-EMP is vested with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The LTRM component is administered (or implemented) by the USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center in La Crosse, WI.”

Please use either ‘official’ field station name; see the web link below:

http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/field_stations/fs_directory.html

4) For crediting data served on the LTRM web pages:

There are no restrictions on the use of data from the Upper Mississippi River Restoration – Environmental Management Program’s Long Term Resource Monitoring website. We request that the following statements be used when citing, copying, or otherwise using these data. Also include name of database and date accessed:

“Data available from the Upper Mississippi River Restoration – Environmental Management Program’s Long Term Resource Monitoring component”.

“These data are a product of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration – Environmental Management Program’s Long Term Resource Monitoring component, distributed by U.S. Geological Survey, located at USGS-UMESC, La Crosse, WI.

www.usgs.umesc.gov/ltrmp.html”

We need to work together to help alleviate any confusion and increase the understanding of what UMRR-EMP is and does. This applies to any communication with partner agencies, scientists, resource managers, program managers, the public, stakeholder groups, NGO’s, the media, and congressional personnel. While the focus here is on EMP-LTRM, this identification concept applies equally to the HREP component.