

# OUACHITA RIVER STAKEHOLDER MEETING

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Camden, Arkansas

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## PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Informational / Educational:

- ✓ History of the Ouachita River Navigation System
- ✓ Current Navigation Challenges
- ✓ Grant Opportunities and Economic Development
- ✓ Assessment of Infrastructure Needs
- ✓ Other Challenges: Workforce, Industry Incentives, Transportation Connectivity

Strategic Planning for Increased Tonnage and Industrial Growth in the Region

## Waterborne Transportation vs. Other Modes:

	Barge Transport:	Rail Transport:	Truck Transport:
Ton Miles per gallon / 1 Tow =	576	413	155
Tonnage Comparison:	1	15	60
Tonnage Capacity:	1,500	100	26

Barge transportation is the "greenest!" mode due to fewer emissions and noise pollution.

Barge transportation keeps transportation costs lowered due to the competition.



➤ The inland waterways of the United States are a unique resource shared by only 24 states. These waterways provide direct access for international markets and are ideal locations for industry and distribution centers.

➤ Arkansas is THIRD in our nation in the number of inland waterway miles. These unique trade routes give Arkansas a competitive advantage.

➤ Rivers have been the cornerstone of trade since America was discovered. Water transport by far was the easiest method of transporting goods, particularly in an era when towns and villages were linked by footpaths rather than roads. International commerce requires water transportation unless it is transported by air.

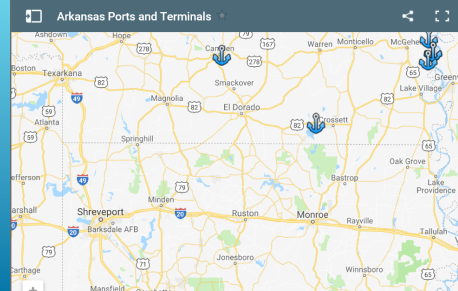


## BENEFICIARIES OF NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

- ❖ Navigation
- ❖ Flood Control
- ❖ Hydropower
- ❖ Water Supply
- ❖ Fish & Wildlife
- ❖ Recreation



Ouchita River: Blakely Mountain Dam



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### CAMDEN, ARKANSAS

Located in south central Arkansas, just 40 miles from I-30 and 100 miles south of Little Rock, the Camden facility serves the 17,000 acre Highland Industrial Park (HIP). Established in 1972, the Camden operation has a proven track record of providing customers with safe and efficient railcar management. The EACI is a wholly owned subsidiary of HIP which enhances our ability to coordinate services such as railcar storage, warehousing, scheduling, transloading and industrial development.

Car Capacity - 3000 Railcars  
 Connection - Union Pacific  
 Security - Public industrial park with contract security

