CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This report presents an analysis of events surrounding the record-breaking flood that occurred in northeastern Oklahoma and southeastern Kansas from late September through early October 1986.

Many Federal, state, and municipal agencies, as well as other organizations, were involved in the management of activities relating to this flood. The magnitude of the flooding situation prompted numerous issues to arise. This report addresses those issues, the flood, flood fighting efforts, and internal and external shortcomings which have been identified. By recognizing certain areas of difficulty, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, has set upon a path to make future flood fighting efforts smoother and even more effective.