

Dear Ms. Andria:

Thank you for your remarks before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in Alton, Illinois, on August 15, 2002.

The Commission is pleased that you are familiar with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Operating Principles. The Commission and Corps take these principles seriously in all of our work, including our environmental stewardship mission.

In response to your concern about all-terrain-vehicle (ATV) use on levees, ATVs are not allowed on Chouteau Island or any Corps-managed land. It is not the intent of the St. Louis District to change that policy, as that land is set aside for natural resource management. The District is working with the Confluence Greenway organization on a Planning Assistance to States project on Choteau Island that will result in a master plan for this area.

Balancing the flood control, navigation, and environmental needs within the Mississippi Valley remains a challenge. Your continued input is invaluable to the Corps' ability to meet this challenge. The Commission appreciates receiving your views and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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River Commission