

Dear Dr. Black:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on April 7, 2003. In your statement, you advised the Commission that your organization had filed a motion to Intervene as Respondents in the Missouri Clean Water Commission water quality certification appeals hearing in June 2003 for the St. Johns Bayou-New Madrid Floodway Project.

The Commission recognizes your support for the St. Johns Bayou-New Madrid Floodway Project. We appreciate your participation in the project-related National Environmental Policy Act activities and the current State water quality certification appeal. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue to coordinate with the St. Johns Levee and Drainage District and area stakeholders throughout the process. The Corps is committed to developing projects that are economically justified and environmentally sustainable.

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