

Dear Mr. Bluhm:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 11, 2003.

The Commission appreciates your role in engaging the public to identify important issues in sustaining the Mississippi River. Your clear presentation of the workshop results shows that citizens are extremely interested in both project development and management issues on the river. As a result, many opportunities and challenges have been identified. We will continue to work closely with the public in preserving this great environmental resource, while meeting the needs of transportation, flood control, and recreation in the region.

Thank you for your presentation. We look forward to continued public participation as we work toward ecosystem restoration and navigation system rehabilitation on the upper Mississippi River.

Sincerely,

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