

Dear Mr. Bock:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in Tiptonville, Tennessee, on August 18, 2003. In your statement you expressed your desire that the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Phase 1, St. Johns Bayou and New Madrid Floodway project be signed without delay.

As you know, the review of the ROD and associated documents was completed and signed on August 25, 2003. This completes the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and clears the way for moving forward with project implementation.

The Commission appreciates the patience, persistence, and active participation of the St. Johns Levee and Drainage District and other local interests who contributed greatly to this accomplishment.

The Commission appreciates receiving your comments and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

Don T. Riley
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River Commission