

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 15, 2003. In your statement you specifically addressed a number of tourism benefits within the valley.

The Commission recognizes that the Mississippi watershed provides many opportunities for recreation and scenic vistas. The Commission appreciates that members of the tourism industry are aware of the natural benefits of the river and market the region. You obviously have an appreciation for the river and the Commission is positive that visitors to your region benefit from what you do.

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

Sincerely,

Don T. Riley
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
President Designee, Mississippi
River Commission