

Dear Mr. Bridgforth:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in West Memphis, Arkansas, on August 20, 2002, on behalf of the Yancopin Hunting Club, Inc. In your statement you discussed the erosion being caused by the McClellan-Kerr Navigation project on the Yancopin Hunting Club and other areas in the vicinity of Melinda Bar in Desha County, Arkansas, and requested that funds be made available to stabilize the south bank of the Arkansas River on the Yancopin property.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, is studying headcutting problems on the north bank of the Arkansas River that could threaten the navigation project on the lower White River. Recently, the Vicksburg District staff discussed the bank stabilization problems in the Yancopin Hunting Club area with the Little Rock District, and the District has agreed from the standpoint of a "system approach" to include the bank caving problems in an ongoing study.

The Vicksburg District will be working closely with the Little Rock District in determining measures to stabilize this system. I understand that this situation was discussed with Mr. Larry Atkinson, president of the hunting club, on August 16, 2002. The Vicksburg District staff will keep you and other local interests informed of progress in this area.

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

Sincerely,

Don T. Riley
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River Commission