

Dear Mr. Cook:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in West Memphis, Arkansas, on August 19, 2003.

The Commission recognizes your concern regarding the funding levels for the Mississippi River and Tributaries project. This project is vital to our Nation and with adequate funding it should be completed timely and properly maintained.

The Commission appreciates receiving your views 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