

Dear Ms. Emerson:

Thank you for the statement made on your behalf by Mr. Lloyd Smith of your staff before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Caruthersville, Missouri, on April 2, 2001. In your statement you discussed the proposed New Madrid Riverfront improvements and also expressed support for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In regard to the New Madrid Riverfront improvements, the Commission understands that the riprap placed by the Corps along the riverside slope of the levee and other structures located along the levee's footprint have become a maintenance and aesthetic problem. The Memphis District and Mississippi River Commission staffs will continue to work with the New Madrid officials to determine the appropriate response to the city's proposed plan for the riverfront.

The Commission appreciates your support of the Corps of Engineers' work, both past and present. Thank you again for your presentation at our public meeting. We look forward to hearing from you or members of your staff at any future Commission meetings.

Sincerely,

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