

Dear Mr. Fruge':

Thank you for your statement filed for the record during the Mississippi River Commission public meeting held in Morgan City, Louisiana, on August 22, 2003.

The Commission recognizes your continued support for the Lower Mississippi River Resource Assessment authorized in Section 402 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. We also believe this assessment would provide needed data if conducted with a watershed approach.

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