

Dear Mr. Fruge:

Thank you for the presentation given on your behalf by Mr. David Walther during the public meeting of the Mississippi River Commission held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 7, 2002. We appreciate Mr. Walther's comments and the formal statement submitted for the record supporting the Lower Mississippi River Resource Assessment project.

The Commission looks forward to participating in the assessment and report preparation for long-term river-related management, natural resources and habitat needs, and recreation access. The Corps of Engineers has technical expertise and data that will be very useful during the assessment.

The Commission appreciates receiving the views of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

Edwin J. Arnold, Jr.  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army  
President, Mississippi River  
Commission