

Dear Mr. Gonterman:

Thank you for your remarks before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held on August 17, 2001, in St. Louis, Missouri. In your statement you expressed your opposition to development along the Mississippi River.

The Corps of Engineers is a water resource and engineering agency dedicated to maintaining a proper and healthy balance of the multi-uses of the waterways. The Corps recognizes that along with economic stability and growth, the environment directly impacts the quality of life enjoyed by those living in the area.

The Corps will continue its efforts to meet the flood control, navigation, and environmental needs in the Mississippi Valley. Our success is largely attributable to a strong partnership with our local interests.

Thank you again for your participation in the St. Louis hearing. The Commission appreciates receiving your comments and looks forward to hearing from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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River Commission