

Dear Mr. Gonterman:

Thank you for your remarks before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Alton, Illinois, on August 15, 2002. In your statement you expressed your concerns relative to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is one of several agencies working on projects relative to the upcoming bicentennial. Within the St. Louis District area, we have many sites under Corps management that will be impacted by increased visitation associated with this multi-year commemoration. We are trying to address the needs of the public as we manage our lands in a healthy and safe environment.

Balancing the interests within the Mississippi Valley remains a challenge, and the Corps will continue its efforts to meet the flood control, navigation, and environmental needs of all. The Commission appreciates receiving your views and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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