

Dear Mr. Goodin:

Thank you for your remarks before the Mississippi River Commission during our public meeting held on April 7, 2003, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

The Commission is pleased that you are satisfied with the assistance, cooperation, and support provided by the St. Louis District relative to the Thompson Bend Riparian Corridor.

The Thompson Bend Riparian Corridor project and the success achieved thus far would not be possible without the support and effort that you and your group have provided. My staff informs me that the 39,000 trees planted this spring are making great progress. I look forward to continuing our great working relationship and will be glad to do all that is necessary to ensure the continued success of this project.

Balancing the interests within the Mississippi Valley remains a challenge, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue its efforts to meet the flood control, navigation, and environmental needs.

The Commission appreciates receiving your views and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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