

Dear Ms. Hallock:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 7, 2002.

In your statement you discussed the Southeast Louisiana (SELA) Urban Flood Control project. The Commission recognizes the importance of protecting the Broadmoor neighborhood from potential damage caused by construction of the SELA Urban Flood Control project. The New Orleans District has responded to the letters you presented from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, dated December 17, 2001, and January 10, 2002, by initiating a process of close consultation with interested parties to resolve the historic preservation issues relating to construction in the Uptown New Orleans area. On May 15 and 16, 2002, a meeting was held involving New Orleans District personnel, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the State Historic Preservation Office, and interested neighborhood and local government organizations. Coordination is now underway to finalize the draft Memorandum of Agreement developed during this meeting.

New Orleans District personnel will keep you and the general public informed of opportunities to continue to participate in historic preservation planning for the SELA project.

The Commission appreciates receiving your comments and looks forward to hearing from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

Edwin J. Arnold, Jr.
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Commission