

Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you for your statement filed for the record of the Mississippi River Commission public meeting held on August 17, 2001, in St. Louis, Missouri, in which you addressed the issue of Executive Order 11988.

Executive Order (EO) No. 11988, entitled "Floodplain Management," was signed by President Jimmy Carter on March 24, 1977. Since the EO is three pages in length, I cannot be sure about the intent of your reference. This EO discusses agency consideration of alternatives when floodplain impacts are anticipated and early public review of plans for such proposals. The Corps of Engineers complies with both of these principles.

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 local interests and organizations such as yours.

Thank you again for submitting your statement for the record of our St. Louis meeting. The Commission appreciates receiving your comments and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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