

Dear Mr. Channing:

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

The Commission agrees that coastal restoration projects in Louisiana must consider all potential impacts to navigation interests. Your organization and the general public will have opportunities to participate in coastal restoration studies and help evaluate the impacts of any proposed plan on navigation during plan development. New Orleans District personnel will keep you informed about the various plans and progress through public meetings and the following web sites:
www.mvn.usace.army.mil/prj/la_coastal_eco/index.asp and
www.coast2050.gov/lca.htm.

The Commission welcomes involvement from the Steamship Association in providing comments and suggestions to improve navigation. Industry assistance and participation are vital for successful coastal restoration and navigation programs.

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

Sincerely,

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Commission