

Dear Ms. Hunter:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in Tiptonville, Tennessee, on August 18, 2003. In your statement you mentioned a scour problem on the south bank of the harbor near the public dock at Mississippi River Mile 885. The dock is owned by the New Madrid County Port Authority.

The Memphis District has determined that the cause of the soil failure is surface erosion of the bank. As such, repairs are a Federal responsibility. Current plans include use of the Memphis District's indefinite delivery contract to make the needed repairs. Plans have been prepared and the Memphis District has requested all permits and rights-of-way for the work. As permits are acquired and river stages permit, construction will begin. The work should be of short duration and will be coordinated with your office.

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

Sincerely,

Don T. Riley
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
President Designee, Mississippi
River Commission