

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in Memphis, Tennessee, on August 20, 2001. In your statement you discussed the ongoing revision to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the St. Johns Bayou and New Madrid Floodway project and urged the Corps to move forward with the study.

The Commission appreciates and acknowledges the local input and support of the Corps of Engineers in its efforts to formulate the best overall project for the area and to comply fully with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. We also appreciate your and participation in our efforts to work cooperatively with resource agencies in the process. The Corps is committed to meeting the schedule for this study.

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

Sincerely,

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