

Dear Captain Innes:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during our public meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 6, 2001, and for the copy of the American Heritage Rivers Progress Report.

The American Heritage Rivers Initiative is to be commended for its work in the entire nation with Federal, state, and local agencies, and with the citizens of all river communities. The Corps of Engineers has benefited greatly from its association and work with the River Navigators in your organization. As you emphasized in your statement, community and Federal agency participation is very important to the objectives and success of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

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

Sincerely,

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