

Dear Mr. Lesher:

Thank you for participating in the Mississippi River Commission public meeting held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on August 13, 2001.

We appreciate your testimony at our hearing. The Commission agrees with your observations concerning the importance of the river's aesthetics. Balancing the many different aspects of the river system is one of our greatest challenges.

Your interest in the Mississippi River and the work of the Commission is commendable. We look forward to working with you as we continue to address the complex economic, environmental, and recreational uses of the upper Mississippi River.

Sincerely,

Edwin J. Arnold, Jr.
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River Commission