

Dear Mr. Norman:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 15, 2003.

The Commission appreciates the comments presented by organizations to help us better understand the issues relative to the Mississippi River watershed. We understand your concern about improved access by the river to its floodplain and improved access to the river for people. We must continue to work collectively to find a balanced approach to managing the watershed that meets all the needs and maintains a sustainable system.

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

Sincerely,

Don T. Riley
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River Commission