

Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in Hannibal, Missouri, on August 14, 2003. In your statement you discussed the variety of activities and interests within the Sny Island Levee Drainage District including agriculture, critical infrastructure, wildlife, recreation, and the environment.

The Commission is aware of your interest in the Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Waterway System Navigation Study (Navigation Study), shoreline erosion, and severity of flooding in the vicinity of the District over the past 20 years. The Navigation Study and the Upper Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan are continuing to work through analysis of alternatives for the river system.

The Commission will be making a recommendation regarding the Navigation Study and the Comprehensive Plan prior to the reports being forwarded to Congress.

We appreciate receiving your views and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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River Commission