

Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for your presentation during the public meeting of the Mississippi River Commission in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on April 7, 2003.

The Commission thanks you for your continuing recognition and support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers multiple missions, particularly those affecting the upper Mississippi River. Your commitment to the successful accomplishment of these missions is appreciated.

Rock Island District has recently completed the draft Lock 22 Upper and Lower Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) report. This report recommends placement of future dredged material lengthwise in selected locations along the Sny Levee and on one site on the Missouri side of the river (see enclosed map). It has been determined that this alternative meets our requirements when considering cost effectiveness and environmental regulations. This alternative more closely aligns with preferences you have previously expressed to members of my staff and reiterated in the presentation. Please note that final approval of this alternative remains subject to public/agency review.

I assure you that we will work within the limitations of our authorities with the Sny Island Levee Drainage District in placing dredged material. Should you have any questions concerning the status of our planning for long-term dredged

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material management within the vicinity of the Sny Island Levee Drainage District, please contact me or Mr. Jerry Skalak, Rock Island District DMMP project manager, at 309-794-5605.

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

Sincerely,

Don T. Riley
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River Commission

Enclosure