

Dear Mr. Sabins:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 7, 2002. We appreciate your comments and your formal statement submitted for the record supporting the Lower Mississippi River Resource Assessment project.

The Commission looks forward to participating in the assessment and report preparation for long-term river-related management, natural resources and habitat needs, and recreation access. The Corps of Engineers has technical expertise and data that will be very useful during the assessment.

The Commission appreciates receiving the views of the Department of Environmental Quality and the Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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Brigadier General, U. S. Army  
President, Mississippi River  
Commission