

Dear Mr. Salyers:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in West Memphis, Arkansas, on August 19, 2003. In your statement you requested that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers evaluate, formulate, and construct a watershed demonstration project in the Obion River system.

The Commission shares your concerns regarding the water resources problems in the west Tennessee area. If funds are made available, Memphis District is prepared to work in partnership with the West Tennessee River Basin Authority in pursuing a watershed demonstration project. We believe the anticipated success of this project could serve as a catalyst to reformulate the entire project in the remainder of the Obion and Forked Deer River Basins.

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

Sincerely,

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River Commission