

Dear Mr. Sanner:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 5, 2002. In your statement you discussed the positive results of the studies conducted during the general reevaluation study of the White River Navigation Improvement project.

The Commission recognizes the need for the navigation improvements along the White River. The Memphis District will continue to keep you informed on the progress of the study. However, as you are aware, the President's budget request for Fiscal Year 2003 does not include funding for this study.

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

Sincerely,

Edwin J. Arnold, Jr.
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Commission