

Dear Mr. Sanner:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, on August 20, 2001. In your statement you discussed the positive results of the studies conducted during the general reevaluation study of the White River navigation improvements.

The Commission recognizes the need for navigation improvements along the White River. As you are aware, the President's budget request for Fiscal Year 2002 does not include funding to complete the reevaluation of the project. Both the House and Senate versions of Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill include \$169,000 to complete the reevaluation. If this funding is made available, the draft reevaluation report and draft Environmental Impact Statement will be completed in June 2002 and coordinated for public review at that time.

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

Sincerely,

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