

Dear Mr. Sanner:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in West Memphis, Arkansas, on August 20, 2002. In your statement you discussed the importance of the Arkansas waterways and the proposed White River Navigation project.

The Commission recognizes the importance of the Arkansas waterways as related to economic development. We also understand the need for navigation improvements along the White River as well as the environmental sensitivity of constructing any work along this river. The Memphis District is continuing with the reevaluation study of this project and will keep you informed on the progress of the study.

As you are aware, the President's budget request for Fiscal Year 2003 does not include funding to continue or complete this effort. However, action by Congress on the appropriations bill has not been completed.

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