

Dear Mr. Shimkus:

Thank you for your statement filed for the record of the Mississippi River Commission public meeting held on August 17, 2001, in St. Louis, Missouri.

The St. Louis and Rock Island Districts worked together with the Sny Island Levee and Drainage District to complete repairs during Fiscal Year 2001. The Corps of Engineers appreciates your continued interest in and support of this project. Like other Districts within the Mississippi Valley Division, the St. Louis District is heavily involved in the Environmental Management Program and will continue to work towards sustainable benefits in these projects.

Thank you for your comments on the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS). The Corps of Engineers recognizes that problems existed initially with this new system and many customers were impacted. One of our St. Louis District team members worked on a Headquarters Task Force to resolve issues related to NRRS. The Corps appreciates your continued interest in and support of our overall recreation mission and looks forward to working with you as redistricting will include more Corps recreation sites.

Thank you again for submitting your statement as part of the proceedings of our meeting. The Commission appreciates receiving your views and will be pleased to hear from you or the staff of the 20th Congressional District of Illinois during our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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River Commission