

Dear Ms. Stoller:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in Hannibal, Missouri, on August 14, 2003. In your statement you expressed concerns regarding flood control, the Upper Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan, and the activities of the Mississippi River Commission.

Flood damage reduction is a high priority for the Corps of Engineers and the Commission. The low-water inspection is an important means of being involved and gaining information regarding the state of flood damage reduction along the river system. The Commission continues to be interested in the Upper Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan and its findings and will make recommendations regarding the plan before it is submitted to Congress.

We recognize your interest regarding our activities on the Upper Mississippi River. We support the need for progress in many areas and will remain engaged in pursuing necessary changes and in seeking public input regarding projects and studies. We commend you for your commitment to river issues and progress for communities along the river.

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

Sincerely,

Don T. Riley
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River Commission