

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your statement filed for the record during the Mississippi River Commission public meeting held in St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 11, 2003.

We appreciate your testimony concerning the Mississippi River, one of our nation's greatest natural resources. Balancing the various uses of the Mississippi River, including environmental, recreational, and economic utilization, is of prime importance to the Commission. We must manage the river's ecosystem while considering the needs of those who use the river. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Waterway System Navigation Feasibility Study team will continue to formulate plans that balance these elements through a rigorous process that includes public participation and review.

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

Sincerely,

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President Designee, Mississippi  
River Commission