

Dear Mr. Vincent:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in West Memphis, Arkansas, on August 20, 2002. In your statement you discussed the need and the importance of rehabilitating the Augusta to Clarendon levee on the White River in Arkansas.

The Commission shares your concerns about the continued deterioration of the levee and recognizes the funding difficulties posed by changes in land ownership since Federal participation in construction of this levee. However, additional Congressional authority and funding would be required for the Corps of Engineers to participate in the rehabilitation effort.

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

Sincerely,

Don T. Riley
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
President Designee, Mississippi
River Commission