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Low Water Inspection

My name is Greg Curlin, and it is a privilege to testify before you today. I am the Executive Director of the Hickman-Fulton Co. Riverport Authority, located at mile marker 922 on the lower Mississippi in Hickman, Kentucky. On behalf of the Riverport Authority Board and citizens of Hickman, Kentucky, and surrounding areas, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in this meeting.

It gives me great satisfaction to report that the dredge from Great Lakes Dredge and Dock is in the process of dredging the Elvis Stahr Harbor in Hickman, Kentucky. The dredge has an estimated completion date of August 25, 2016. The Elvis Stahr Harbor has now received dredging for the last 3 years, including this current year. There is a plan in place to dredge additional parts of the harbor and the turning basin which have not been dredged in over 6 years. This is a result of the dredging performed in the previous 2 years, which have kept the harbor maintained. I want to thank the Mississippi River Commission and the Memphis District, Corps of Engineers for making sure that the Elvis Stahr Harbor was one of the harbors receiving dredging, when funds are difficult to get for dredging on the Mississippi River.

We need to continue to work with the MRC, the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association and the Inland River Ports and Terminals to unite all ports, large and small, to create a stronger voice and bring attention to harbor maintenance along the Mississippi River. We need to continue to be a voice in Washington to find a permanent resolution in making sure that the ports and harbors along the Mississippi River are fully maintained and kept open for business.

Thank you again for your time.


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