

Dear Mr. Burdine:

Thank you for the statement filed for the record by Mr. Thomas Gordon during the Mississippi River Commission public meeting in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on March 6, 2002. The Port Commission expressed appreciation in dredging of the Inner Greenville Harbor and urged that the Corps assist in resolving backlog maintenance of the inland waterways.

The Corps recognizes the importance of the Greenville Harbor, which now includes the Inner Harbor, to the Port of Greenville. We will ensure that harbor depths are monitored and required dredging is performed.

The Commission is aware of the backlog situation affecting our inland waterway system and pledges to leverage our resources to reduce the impact as much as possible.

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

Sincerely,

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River Commission