

Dear Mr. Delaney:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in West Memphis, Arkansas, on August 19, 2003. Also, thank you for your testimony filed for the record during the public meeting held in Morgan City, Louisiana, on August 22, 2003. You provided testimony in support of the Lower Mississippi River Resource Assessment (LMRRA) and included information contained in the Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee's draft Economic Profile of the Lower Mississippi River.

The Commission recognizes your continued support for the Lower Mississippi River Resource Assessment authorized in Section 402 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. We also believe this assessment would provide needed data if conducted with a watershed approach.

Regarding the Economic Profile of the Lower Mississippi River, we look forward to receiving the final document and learning what it will reveal about the importance of ensuring the sustainability of the valuable water resources we have in the region. Please include the Commission on the mailing list for the final version of the profile.

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

Sincerely,

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