

Dear Mr. Grawe:

Thank you for participating in the Mississippi River Commission public meeting held in Marquette, Iowa, on August 12, 2002.

We appreciate your comments indicating your support of the Environmental Management Program. The Commission notes your enthusiastic discussion of the Pool 8 drawdowns and the seed island projects and the benefits they are producing. Success in these endeavors is largely attributable to the cooperation of local interests and other agencies and the strong support from organizations such as Winona State University. Our challenge is to preserve the great environmental resource that is the Mississippi River, while at the same time meeting the needs of transportation, recreation, and tourism in the region.

The Commission values your views and comments. We look forward to your continued participation as we work to address the diverse issues of the upper Mississippi River.

Sincerely,

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Commission