

Dear Ms. Grawe:

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

The Commission was disappointed that the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission was eliminated due to funding limitations. We are encouraged, however, to learn of the formation of the Mississippi River Citizens Commission to facilitate public involvement in river programs and issues. Your organization is already providing valuable services to agencies and citizens through public education and discussion of issues. This constructive partnership is essential to achieve a balanced river management strategy.

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

Sincerely,

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Commission