

Dear Mr. Grugett:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in West Memphis, Arkansas, on August 20, 2002. In your comments you commended Mrs. Gwen Edris and Mr. Cecil Bryant for their years of exemplary public service to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and to the nation. You also presented them with commemorative plaques from the Flood Control Association on the occasion of their upcoming retirement from Federal service.

The Commission sincerely appreciates your honoring both Mrs. Edris and Mr. Bryant in the presence of many of our customers and stakeholders. As you mentioned, their efforts have resulted in significant advancement and execution of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project in the Mississippi Valley. The Commission and the Corps of Engineers will truly miss these two loyal civil servants.

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

Sincerely,

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Brigadier General, U.S. Army
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River Commission