

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Lake Providence, Louisiana, on August 21, 2002.

We appreciate your perspective on the flooding situation in the South Delta. Your vivid description has not only assisted us in recognizing the problems of the area, but has increased awareness of individuals from other parts of the country. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue to work toward the best solutions for the area with both Federal and state agencies, the local sponsor, environmental groups, and other concerned citizens.

The Commission appreciates your continued commitment and steadfastness in regard to the need for the pumps in your area. The Corps is committed to making the Yazoo Backwater project a reality while also sustaining the environment.

Thank you again for your comments before the Commission. We appreciate receiving your views and look forward to hearing from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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River Commission