

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Greenville, Mississippi, on August 21, 2001.

The Commission appreciates your continued commitment and steadfastness toward the Yazoo Backwater project and acknowledges your frustration in the time that has transpired since Congress first authorized the project. Let me assure you that the Corps is making progress and is moving forward with resolution of comments on the draft Yazoo Backwater Reformulation Report. A final report is expected early in calendar year 2002. The Corps is committed to making this project a reality while sustaining the environment.

The Commission recognizes the success stakeholders like you and other Delta citizens have had in working with members of Congress in securing funding for this work. The Corps remains committed to executing all projects fully consistent with the Congressional appropriations.

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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