

Dear Mr. Keiser:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in Tiptonville, Tennessee, on August 18, 2003. The Commission is pleased that you are satisfied with the assistance, cooperation, and support that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has provided. Other topics included in your presentation were the Graveyard Slough culvert replacement and Fritz Landing.

Significant progress has been made on the Harris Ditch culverts, also known as Graveyard Slough, despite delays due to unfavorable weather and river conditions. Construction is currently scheduled to be completed early in the 2004 construction season.

The hydraulic analysis for the Fritz Landing culverts has been completed and is currently being reviewed by the Memphis District to determine if there is authority under the Mississippi River Levees project to replace the culvert. The Memphis District will inform you of the results of their review and the next actions to be taken regarding the Fritz Landing culvert.

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

Sincerely,

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River Commission