

Dear Mr. Lauderdale:

Thank you for your comments before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on April 4, 2001, in which you discussed the status of the Two Lakes Flood Control project, and requested that the Corps expedite the permitting process associated with this plan.

In the event the Two Lakes Foundation pursues the project as you mentioned in your presentation, a Section 404(b)(1) permit for the project will be needed from the Corps prior to initiation of project construction. Upon receipt of the application for a Department of the Army permit, the Vicksburg District staff will expedite to the extent possible the review of the application and notify you of any additional documentation requirements.

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

Sincerely,

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