

Dear Mrs. Marascalco:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Greenville, Mississippi, on April 9, 2003. In your statement you discussed immediate needs at Grenada Lake, including improving campgrounds to accommodate larger camping vehicles, relocating campsites to the dam area and in locations that are near the water, resurfacing roads, and providing docking facilities adjacent to major boat ramps.

The Commission shares your concern for the condition of recreation facilities at Grenada Lake and the need for repairs and modernization. The Commission also recognizes the important influence that Grenada Lake has on the local economy and the need for additional funding to help sustain and improve the public recreational opportunities afforded by this project.

The Vicksburg District is very much aware of the repair and modernization needs at Grenada Lake and has included those needs in its annual budget requests. For your information, the Conference Report for the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriation Act added \$1.45 million to the Grenada Lake budget for additional maintenance. This additional funding will allow the initiation of a contract to resurface the main access roads at the north and south ends of Grenada Dam, remove silt from access channels to boat ramps, and the continuation of ongoing repairs to structural components of Grenada Dam. However, some of the needs that you identified will remain after this fiscal year, and additional funding will be required in the future to complete all needed repairs and modernization.

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The Commission would like to thank you again for your presentation and looks forward to hearing from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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President Designee, Mississippi  
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