

Dear Mr. Medlin:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Caruthersville, Missouri, on April 2, 2001. In your statement you expressed appreciation for the Memphis District studies within your area.

As an update on the studies of interest to the St. John's Bayou Basin Drainage District, Federal interest in a project has been identified for the Farrenburg Ditch, Section 208 study. The Memphis District is presently coordinating with the environmental resource agencies as part of the environmental assessment of the proposed channel improvement. The Memphis District anticipates the study process will be completed and its recommendations forwarded to Mississippi Valley Division for review in July 2001. On the Lateral No. 3, Section 208 study, field data collection is completed, and an initial assessment is underway to determine if there is a likelihood of a Federal interest in a project. This activity will be completed by July 2001.

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

Sincerely,

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