

Dear Mr. Murphree:

Thank you for your presentation during the Mississippi River Commission public meeting in Helena, Arkansas, on April 3, 2001. During your statement you discussed the Tunica Riverfront Park and the Tunica Cutoff Lake Weir. You indicated your appreciation for the support the Memphis District has provided for these projects under the Planning Assistance to States and Section 1135 Authorities, respectively.

The Planning Assistance to States program provides an excellent opportunity for the Federal government to participate in the planning of projects such as Tunica Riverfront Park. I personally find it pleasing that the park will focus attention on the history of the river as well as the levee system and the impacts it has on your community.

As an update on the status of the Tunica Cutoff Lake Weir, the Memphis District has provided its recommendations to the Mississippi Valley Division for policy review. Both the District and Division remain committed to moving this project forward to construction as soon as possible.

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

Sincerely,

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