

Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in West Memphis, Arkansas, on August 20, 2002. In your statement you expressed your appreciation for the efficient and timely assistance provided by the Memphis District in development of the DeSoto County Regional Wastewater System and discussed the reprogramming of funds into this project in Fiscal Year 2003.

We appreciate your kind words regarding the efforts of the Memphis District staff and would like to commend the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority for its efforts in moving this wastewater system project forward. The partnership and collaboration exhibited between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and local interests on this project have been exemplary. We understand that all funds reprogrammed out of the project in Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002 will be restored in Fiscal Year 2003 as required for project construction.

The Commission values your views and comments. Thank you again for your testimony, and we look forward to hearing from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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River Commission