

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your statement before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, on August 20, 2001. In your statement you provided a brief update on the Bayou Meto Basin, Arkansas, project and discussed the formation of an Improvement Project Area within the Bayou Meto Basin.

The Memphis District is working with all participating Federal, state, and local partners on the general reevaluation of this project. As you are aware, the President's budget request for Fiscal Year 2002 does not include any funding to continue and/or complete this effort; however, both the House and Senate versions of the Fiscal Year 2002 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill include funding.

The Commission recognizes the efforts of the Bayou Meto Water Management District in the formation of an Improvement Project Area to meet the non-Federal requirements for project sponsorship.

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

Sincerely,

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River Commission