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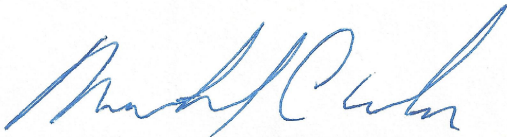
**STATEMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION  
ON THE PROJECT FLOOD ASSESSMENT**

The Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) project stands among the most successful civil works projects ever initiated, coming with a 54 dollar return for every dollar invested. The completion of the authorized project, therefore, remains the highest priority of the Mississippi River Commission. At the same time, the Commission recognizes that the evolution of the MR&T project responds to changes both to the natural system and a complex blend of engineering, programmatic, political, and social realities.

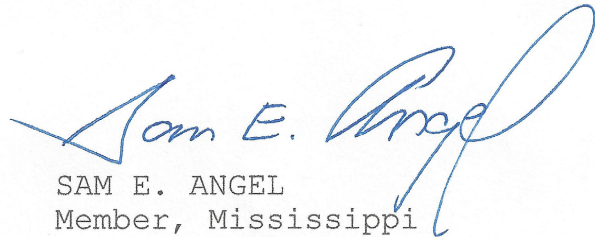
The ongoing technical assessment directed through the 23 September 2013 memorandum from the Mississippi Valley Division Commander of the historic model for passing the project design flood will assist in balancing risk across the system to remediate any identified deficiencies and drive the completion of the authorized remaining work. The assessment will also assist in the development of a sustainable plan for managing and operating the MR&T system within the context of existing authorities and funding. To ensure the system will continue to protect the nation for future generations, the assessment will encourage opportunities to improve on the science behind meteorology and geomorphology and effective engineering operations of the system as whole.

With this in mind, the Commission confirms its multi-generational commitment to complete the authorized remaining work under the 1973 MR&T project design

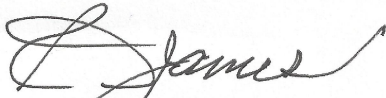
flowline. The Mississippi River Commission President directs the Mississippi Valley Division to continue the assessment of the hydrological and operational aspects of the MR&T system to determine if future adjustments are warranted to protect people, commerce, agriculture, and industry.



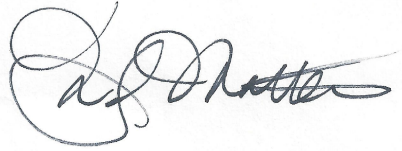
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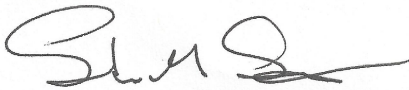
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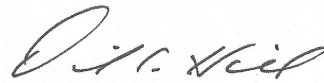
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