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Dear Mr. Kuehn: *Bob*

Thank you for your letter dated April 8, 1998, describing your concern with the role of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6 in the Mississippi River Corridor Task Force.

The EPA was invited by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to participate in the Task Force meetings as an observer. Consequently, staff from this office have attended some of the Task Force meetings in the capacity of observing the State process. We have not endorsed any particular positions, and we have not assumed a role of promoting the Task Force. I appreciate the opportunity to clarify any misperceptions that may have developed because of EPA's attendance at the Task Force meetings.

I appreciate you sharing your views on this issue. Please contact me if further information would be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry Clifford
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Deputy Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Dale Givens
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