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Dr. Stallworth,

On behalf of Memphis Tennessee, Division of Public Works, I would like to take this opportunity to provide comments on the above referenced topic. The City of Memphis is dedicated to protection of human health and the environment and understands that as society continues to place demands upon our ecosystem we must strive to assure that such actions have the least possible negative impact. Consequently, we acknowledge the premise of Hypoxia and the initiative to manage its causative agents.

Among the report's suggestions is a recommendation that all major wastewater treatment plants in the Mississippi River watershed upgrade to near limit of technology removal for nitrogen and phosphorus. It is our belief that the most successful approach in addressing Hypoxia focuses on all sources of nitrogen and phosphorus. There are many nutrient sources such as power plants , agriculture and mobile sources and all should share in the resolution of this problem. Hypoxia in the Gulf is not attributable to one segment and consequently the regulatory burden should equally be shared by all contributors.

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