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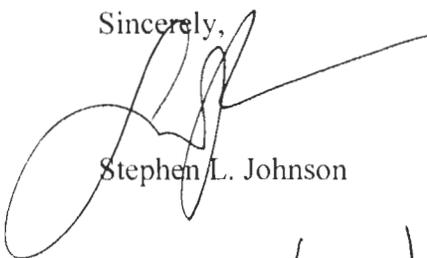
Dear Dr. Morgan:

I am writing to acknowledge the receipt of your final report, "Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico: An Update by the EPA Science Advisory Board," and to express my thanks for this excellent and thorough assessment.

You have succeeded in advancing the state of the science for a demanding and extremely complicated issue of international concern. Because of the scope of the Mississippi River watershed and the number of people and importance of the economies that depend on that watershed and the Gulf of Mexico, understanding the causes and solutions to the problem is a huge and complicated, yet extremely important, task.

Again, I thank you for your significant effort to improve the science and inform the policy decisions of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force.

Sincerely,



Stephen L. Johnson

cc: Dr. Virginia Dale
SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel

*Again -
Thanks again for
your support
and leadership!
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