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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Hurley:

I am somewhat perplexed at your letter of April 2, 2008 requesting input on the establishment of a new RAB. My understanding is that the current RAB is doing an excellent job representing the views of all residents. You may not like hearing the public's view or you may disagree with it, however, dissolving one RAB to look for people who think like you appears to me to be the wrong way to go. You are placing suspicion on yourselves by such actions and making people wonder what it is that you have to hide.

Try working out your issues with the RAB and, if necessary, bring in outsiders to help facilitate discussions.

Shouldn't the Army Corps of Engineers be responsible to the very people that pay taxes and thus enable your existence? At the very minimum, shouldn't you at least try to listen to the people that the residents have chosen to speak for them?

Although I enjoyed my past dealings with the Army Corps of Engineers, I find your recent actions extremely disappointing.

Sincerely,

William Angus

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