May 23, 2002

Dear:

Information about Mississippi—our natural resources, highways and roads, water and wastewater infrastructure—is essential to good growth and strong economic development. Knowing more about our resources and infrastructure gives Mississippi an advantage over our competitors.

Geographic information systems and remote sensing technologies will help Mississippians and their governments plan better, work better, and build more business. However with limited resources, we must work together to build accurate databases for Mississippians to use.

On May 9th, I signed Executive Order #857 that establishes the Advisory Commission on Remote Sensing Technologies. Your participation in this commission is needed to help improve the infrastructure of our local communities and our state. I trust that you will accept this appointment with determination and enthusiasm.

Mr. Charles Chisolm, Executive Director for the Department of Environmental Quality, will serve as chair of the commission. He will notify you soon regarding the initial meeting. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chisolm at (601) 961-5002.

Very truly yours,

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