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RESOLUTION

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL WATER STUDY

Since the inception of groundwater monitoring in 1988, aimed at measuring the presence, or detectable level of pesticides, Delta Council has offered its universal support for the expansion of this work in the Delta. To date, results from the testing of the shallow and deep aquifer systems in the Mississippi Delta indicate that domestic drinking water supplies and shallow agricultural irrigation wells are not experiencing any appreciable or threatening encroachment of pesticides. Monitoring should continue as resources are available for sampling and analyses. Due to the extremely low percentage of wells which have reflected significant levels of pesticide residues, state officials assure us that under a system of normal agricultural practices, pesticide contamination of groundwater is not a high risk in the Mississippi Delta. However, with the evolution of new practices, new chemistry and more sophisticated methods for detection, Delta Council recognizes that a continuing need exists for monitoring.

Delta Council expresses its appreciation to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, and the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for their cooperative role in initiating and maintaining this farsighted groundwater quality program.

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