

December 2, 1971

OPINION LETTER NO. 359
Answer by letter-Wood

Honorable Don Randall
Representative, District 82
4011 Pickett Road
St. Joseph, Missouri 64503



Dear Representative Randall:

You have requested my opinion on whether or not Lake Contrary is an oxbow lake. You state that it is your intention to introduce a bill in the next session of the legislature to provide funds for a dredge for Lake Contrary if state funds can be spent for this purpose. Therefore, we regard your essential question to be whether Lake Contrary belongs to the State of Missouri.

We are enclosing a memorandum opinion of this office prepared in 1958 which concluded that the lands presently beneath the waters of Lake Contrary belonged to the State of Missouri. We believe that conclusion to be still valid and that it would therefore be proper for the General Assembly to provide state funds for dredging Lake Contrary.

Yours very truly,

JOHN C. DANFORTH
Attorney General

Enclosure: Memorandum Op. No. 101
Dalton, 1958