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David Westwood
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Via e-mail: dwestwood@smrid.ab.ca

Dear Mr. Westwood:

Further to your e-mail of November 5, 2021, I wish to advise you that the proposed Chin Reservoir Expansion – East Dam is a mandatory activity pursuant to Schedule 1(c) of the *Environmental Assessment (Mandatory and Exempted Activities) Regulation*. St. Mary River Irrigation District is required, pursuant to Section 44(1)(a) of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA), to prepare and submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for this project. The EIA report is to be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Division 1 of Part 2 of EPEA.

If you have any questions or require further direction about the Environmental Assessment process, please contact Meghan Jurijew at 780-643-6853.

At this time I would recommend you contact Barbara Pullishy (780-495-2450) with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) to discuss the potential submission of a federal project description and any federal environmental assessment requirements under the *Impact Assessment Act*. I would also encourage you to contact Laura Friend (laura.friend@nrcb.ca or 403-297-8269) of the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to discuss any potential application requirements they may have.

St. Mary River Irrigation District should also note that The Government of Alberta's Proponent Guide to First Nations and Metis Settlements consultation procedures may apply to this project and accordingly, St. Mary River Irrigation District may be required to submit a Consultation Plan to the Aboriginal Consultation Office of Indigenous Relations. For more information about the First Nations or Metis Settlement consultation process please contact Amanda Tangedal (amanda.tangedal@gov.ab.ca).

Sincerely,

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