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David Westwood
General Manager
St. Mary River Irrigation District
Via E-Mail: dwestwood@smrid.ab.ca

Dear Mr. Westwood:

Enclosed are the final Terms of Reference for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for St. Mary River Irrigation District's proposed Chin Reservoir Expansion Project. The Terms of Reference are dated November 2, 2023, and have been issued by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas under Section 48(3) of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.

The federal government may have some additional information requirements that were not incorporated into these final Terms of Reference. At this time, I recommend you contact Sean Carriere (sean.carriere@iaac-aeic.gc.ca) with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) directly to discuss these requirements. St. Mary River Irrigation District should note that the federal government information will be required before federal departments can make any decisions about your project.

The next step in the regulatory process is completion of your EIA report and submission to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas for review. Please keep the Environmental Assessment Coordinator (Alison MacMaster at 780-427-9541) apprised of the proposed submission date for the EIA report.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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