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

Dear Mr. Westwood:

As outlined in an email from Alison MacMaster on November 23, 2023, the final Terms of Reference which you initially received a copy of on November 15, 2023 required an administrative amendment to be made to section 6.1 Public Health. Enclosed are the amended final Terms of Reference for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for St. Mary River Irrigation District's proposed Chin Reservoir Expansion Project and have been issued by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas under Section 48(3) of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*. Please ensure that the final Terms of Reference dated November 30, 2023, are used to prepare the Environmental Impact Assessment.

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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