



International Joint Commission

United States and Canada

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Dear Dr. Hirsch:

You will recall that the Chairs of the International Joint Commission wrote to you on June 12, 2003 concerning a request from Governor Martz of Montana that the Commission review its 1921 Order for the St Mary and Milk Rivers.

In order to assist it in deciding whether to undertake such a review, the Commissioners would be grateful if you and the field representatives could meet with them, either in person or by video or teleconference, at their executive meeting which will be held in Washington, D.C. from December 9 to 11, 2003.

The Commissioners would, in particular, like to receive a briefing from you on the way in which Article VI of the *Boundary Waters Treaty* and the Commission's 1921 Order have been implemented, and any concerns that have been expressed concerning that implementation. The Commissioners would also like to hear any other views that you or the field representatives may have with respect to a review of the 1921 Order.

I will be in touch with you shortly by telephone to try to arrange a convenient time for you to meet with the Commissioners during their December meeting.

A similar letter is being sent by the Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Commission to the Canadian Accredited Officer.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary, United States Section

cc: William J. Carswell, Jr., Alternate Accredited Officer
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