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The Right Honourable Herb Gray, P.C., C.C., Q.C.
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Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for your letter of November 30, 2004, regarding the International Joint Commission's (IJC) decision to establish a St. Mary and Milk Rivers Administrative Measures Task Force.

Alberta supports the establishment of a task force to examine the existing administrative procedures for measurement and apportionment. We also support the IJC's decision to not review the 1921 Order, and maintain the certainty and stability required for water planning and development. In the spirit of this collaboration, Alberta would like to put forward Mr. Dave McGee, District Approvals Manager, Southern Region, Alberta Environment, as our representative on the task force.

Alberta is confident that the task force can build on the positive relationship that already exists with Montana. We will continue to find sound solutions to regional water management challenges within the framework of sustainability provided by the 1921 Order of the IJC.

All the best to you and your family over the holiday season.

Best personal regards,


Guy Boutillier
Minister

cc: Dave McGee
Environment