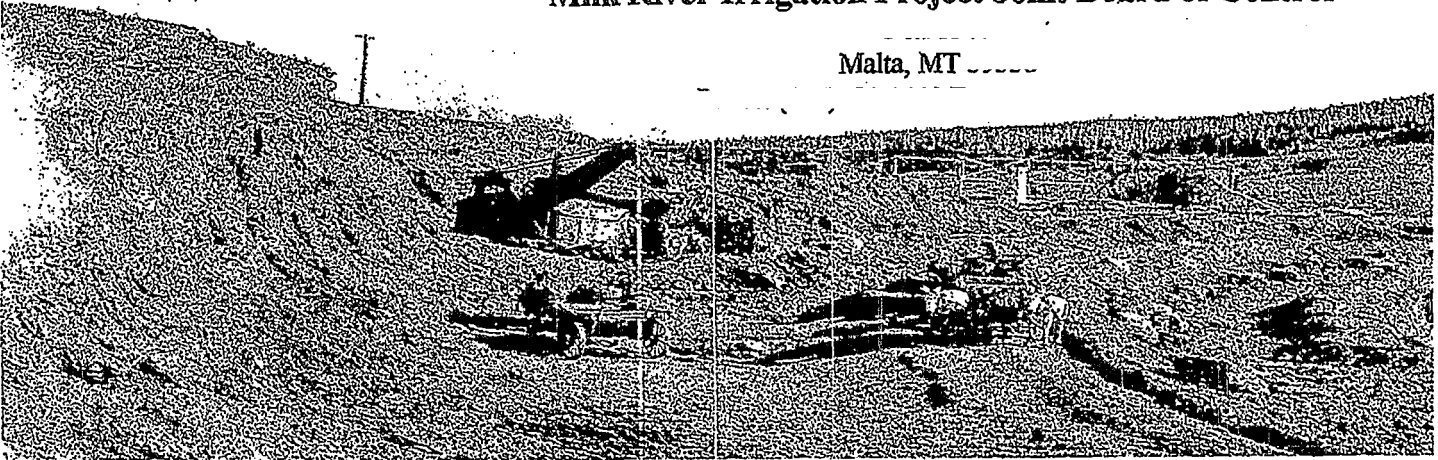


Malta Irrigation District

Milk River Irrigation Project Joint Board of Control

Malta, MT



May 22, 2006

To: International St. Mary-Milk Rivers Administrative Measures Task Force

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Milk River Joint Board of Control, which consists of the eight irrigation Districts in the Milk River Valley, would like to submit this letter with our comments regarding the Task Force's review of the 1921 Order for the apportionment of water of the 1909 Boundaries Treaty

The Milk River Joint Board of Control each spring sets an allotment for the Milk River Valley water users. Most years we do not have an adequate amount of water for a full irrigation.

As most of our water comes from the St. Mary River, any change in the division of the water would be reflected in our allotment based on our share of the water.

Therefore, we respectfully request that our share of St Mary's water be determined by an annual balancing and accounting period rather than the existing 15/16 day or another balancing period. All we want is our 45 % share of the water that we are entitled to under the 1921 Order.

We would appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chairman