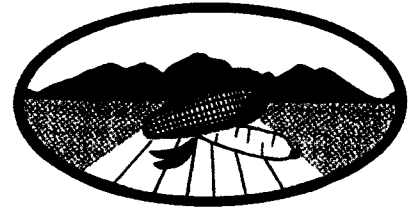


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Dear Sir/Madam:

A representative of the Alberta Vegetable Growers (Processing) attended the International Joint Commission Public Consultation Session on the St. Mary and Milk Rivers held on July 29 in Lethbridge. Our group did not make a written presentation at that meeting, and now wishes to submit to the Commission the following information.

The value of a consistent water supply to the processing vegetable industry in southern Alberta is invaluable. In 2004 there are more than 8,400 acres of sweet corn and peas grown in southern Alberta by 42 growers. All of these acres are irrigated by pivot systems which rely on a dependable water supply to ensure a consistent high quality product for the producer, the processor and the consumer.

The Alberta Vegetable Growers (Processing) feels that there is no need or value in opening up the Order and Treaty on the St. Mary and Milk Rivers. We feel that any change to the Order could have serious economic consequences not only for the processing vegetable industry, but for all specialty crops grown in southern Alberta.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rob Oudman', written over a horizontal line.

Rob Oudman, Chair

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