



November 3, 2022

David Westwood  
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St. Mary River Irrigation District  
Via e-mail: [dwestwood@smrid.ab.ca](mailto:dwestwood@smrid.ab.ca)

Dear Mr. Westwood:

Thank you for your e-mail dated September 21, 2022, regarding the notice of proposed Terms of Reference and advertising information for St. Mary River Irrigation District proposed Chin Reservoir Expansion Project.

I have reviewed the notice of proposed Terms of Reference and the advertising information and they comply with the requirements of Sections 6(1) and (2) of the Environmental Assessment Regulation. The notice period of 45 days, with a proposed deadline of January 3, 2023 is suitable for the public review of the proposed Terms of Reference. I understand that your notice will be appearing in the following newspapers: *Lethbridge Herald*, *Medicine Hat News*, *Taber Times* and the monthly publication of *Alberta Native News*. Please send original or pdf copies of the tearsheets for the advertisements to Ms. Melanie Daneluk, Registrar for Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, for inclusion in the Environmental Assessment Register as per Section 6(3) of the Environmental Assessment Regulation. She can be reached at 780-427-8873 (dial 310-0000 for a toll free connection), or at [melanie.daneluk@gov.ab.ca](mailto:melanie.daneluk@gov.ab.ca).

Please note that during the review period for your proposed Terms of Reference, I expect to receive comments from members of the public and government agencies about the issues and information needs for the Environmental Impact Assessment report. I will consider all comments received and prepare a final Terms of Reference that I will issue under the authority of Section 48(3) of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and in compliance with Sections 7(1) and (2) of the Environmental Assessment Regulation.

Sincerely,

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