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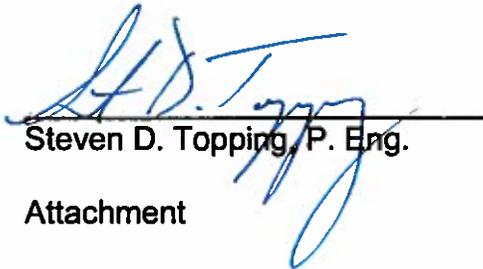
**SUBJECT: Red River Floodway Operating Rules Public Review Report**

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In accordance with Clause 15 of Environment Act Licence No. 2691, Manitoba Water Stewardship has conducted a public review of the Red River Floodway rules of operation. The attached report entitled "Red River Floodway Operating Rules Public Review Report" dated November 1, 2010 summarizes the public review process and its findings.

The public review process began in May 2010 with public consultation led by Farlinger Consulting Group Inc. and H N Westdal & Associates. Three public open houses were held as part of this review. Sharp contrasts in recommendations and opinions were expressed throughout the public consultation providing a considerable challenge in terms of balancing costs and benefits along the Red River. People resident north of the floodway, inside the floodway and south of the floodway generally have different perspectives on floodway operations, reflecting their personal experience with the floodway and Red River flooding. The report describes a number of next steps planned by the department with respect to ice jams, communications, summer operation studies, transportation impacts, and compensation.

More information is required before any significant changes to the operating rules are contemplated by the department. The Department will return to the Environmental Assessment and Licencing Branch through the *Environment Act* assessment process before any major changes to the operating rules are requested.

  
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