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Dear Sirs and Madam:

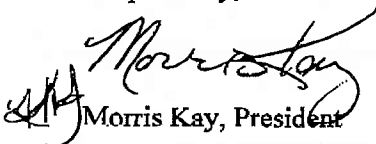
The Mo-Ark Association was formed in 1952 to advocate the responsible management of water resources. Membership in the Association includes many businesses, industries and municipalities.

A large number of Mo-Ark members rely on dependable and sufficient flows in the Missouri River. Low water in the last several years combined with bed degradation has caused tens of millions of dollars in negative economic impacts to our members in excess operating costs, lost business and outright damages.

Due to the severity of problems caused by low water in the Missouri River, Mo-Ark has a significant and legitimate concern about any plans for out-of-basin exportation of Missouri River water. Further, the Bureau of Reclamation has failed to properly include Mo-Ark and other downstream interests in its public involvement efforts related to the recently released Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. We formally request that the Bureau of Reclamation remedy this problem by adding public hearings in the downstream affected states including Missouri.

We also request that the Bureau of Reclamation provide a more reasonable comment period. Given the lengthy history of controversy attending the proposed project, the amount of Congressional and interstate interest as well as the sheer complexity and scope of the project and the documents to be reviewed, the Bureau can not justify its extremely short 45 day comment period that will be ending on March 16th. Although 45 days is the minimum comment period required by law, this is to be reserved for smaller, noncomplex and noncontroversial projects. The Mo-Ark Association formally requests that the comment period be extended to 180 days.

Respectfully,

  
Morris Kay, President

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