

Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management – Revised Project

Date: May 21, 2018

To: Parties on the FEIS Distribution List
Other Interested Parties

From: Jill Townley, SEIS Project Manager

RE: Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Authority's proposal to make the following changes to the project:

- Relocate the dam/southern embankment and associated change in locations of the Red River and Wild Rice River control structures.
- Relocate the East and West tie-back levees. These relocations change approximately 10 miles of embankment construction footprint area. Under the revised project Wolverton Creek would now enter the Red River downstream of the dam. Based on this relocation of the eastern tie-back, the City of Comstock ring levee has been removed from the project.
- The revised project proposes that operations will not begin until the river stage at the USGS Fargo stream gauge is 37 feet. This would have a river discharge greater than 22,300 cfs. Additional in-town measures would be needed to accommodate this flow through town. The previous project proposed to begin operation at 17,000 cfs, thus increasing the flow through town by 5,300 cfs under the revised project.
- The project will be evaluated using a 100 year flood event that is calculated with the full period of record.

Attached/Enclosed is a copy of the Preparation Notice for the SEIS. The Preparation Notice describes the Environmental Impact Statement being supplemented, the situation necessitating SEIS preparation, the scope of the SEIS, and the proposed time schedule for SEIS completion.

Commenting

The DNR will accept comments on the scope of the SEIS during a 20-day period, beginning May 22 and ending June 11, 2018. Comments by U.S. Mail or other delivery service must be received by Monday, June 11, 2018 at 4:30 pm at the following address:

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500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4025

Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project SEIS" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, include the commenter's name and mailing address. Fax written comments to 651-297-1500.

A copy of the SEIS Preparation Notice is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155
- DNR Northwest Region, 2220 Bemidji Ave. Bemidji, MN 56601
- Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401, Government Documents, 2nd Floor
- Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th St. S, Moorhead, MN 56560
- Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 E. Hampden Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537
- Fargo Public Library Downtown, 102 3rd Street North, Fargo, ND 58102

The SEIS Preparation Notice is also posted on the MNDNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html> → Public Input → Environmental Review → See "Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project SEIS" in the drop down list.