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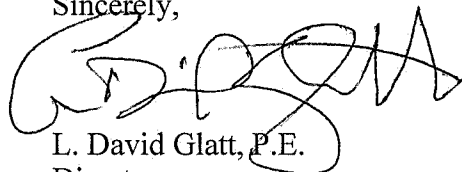
RE: Addition of nutrient concentration objectives and nutrient load targets to the list of water quality objectives for the Red River at the boundary between the United State of America and Canada

Dear Mr. Renouf and Colonel Jansen:

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) supports the International Red River Board (IRRB) recommendation to add nutrient concentration and load to the list of water quality objectives for the Red River at the boundary between the United State of America and Canada. The addition of nutrient concentrations and load compliments North Dakota's commitment to reductions in anthropogenic nutrient enrichment to aquatic ecosystems statewide. The NDDEQ appreciates that the objectives are founded on sound science and long-term water quality monitoring.

The NDDEQ commends the IRRB's inclusive cooperative process, recognition of individual jurisdiction and sovereignty, and commitment to grounding objectives on the best available science. The NDDEQ also encourages continued water quality monitoring and the development of an adaptive management plan to address the effects from a variable hydraulic load.

Sincerely,



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