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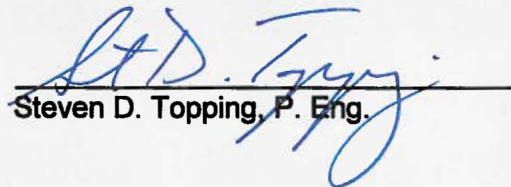
**SUBJECT:** Red River Floodway Operating Rules Public Review

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In accordance with Clause 15 of Environment Act Licence No. 2691, a public review of the Red River Floodway's rules of operation is required every five years. In late 2013, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation created the Provincial Flood Control Infrastructure Review Panel to conduct a public review of the operating guidelines for a number of important provincial water control structures, including the Red River Floodway. This independent review panel was chaired by Mr. Harold Westdal, who previously chaired the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Regulation Review Committee.

Six public open houses were held as part of this review and the panel also met with representatives of rural municipalities, Aboriginal groups, and other stakeholder groups. MIT intends to submit the panel's final report in fulfillment of the requirement for a public review as stipulated in the Red River Floodway's Environment Act Licence.

The review of operating guidelines was completed in 2015 but, due to a variety of factors the final report won't be available for release until early 2016. For this reason, we would appreciate an extension of the December 31, 2015 deadline for submission of the report to March 31, 2016.

  
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