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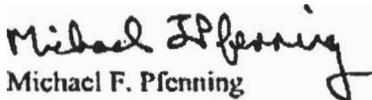
This letter is to invite you to participate in a partnering meeting regarding the Reservoir Operations Plan Evaluation (ROPE) Studies for the Upper Mississippi River Headwaters Reservoirs. This informal meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Radisson Riverfront Hotel, 11 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota.

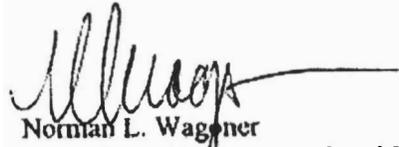
The purpose of the meeting is to brief and involve key upper level management government representatives, tribal interests, and prominent potentially affected stakeholders. We will provide you with information and answer questions about the ROPE study, seek your ideas and concerns regarding the evaluation and selection of alternative operating plans, and discuss the role your organization can play in the study. A detailed meeting agenda and logistics information will be available on the project website prior to the meeting. The web site is located at: <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/rope/>.

To ensure that we have sufficient materials for the meeting, please notify Steve Clark, Project Manager for the study, by March 15 at email steven.j.clark@usace.army.mil if you plan to attend. If you cannot attend the meeting, please let Mr. Clark know, and we will provide the information to you after the meeting.

If you have questions regarding this meeting, please contact us (Colonel Pfenning at 651-290-5300, Mr. Wagoner at 218-335-8600) or Steve Clark at 651-290-5278. We look forward to seeing you at this important meeting.

Sincerely,


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Colonel, Corps of Engineers
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