

Mr. Clark also said "the government will continue to monitor the implementation of the new Garrison Plan to ensure that there are no inadvertent, harmful effects to Canada from the construction and operation of the Garrison Diversion Unit".

The Garrison Diversion Unit plan of 1965 would have irrigated land in North Dakota in the Hudson Bay drainage basin with water from the Missouri River. The International Joint Commission concluded in a 1977 report that the Garrison Diversion Unit, as then planned, would cause "significant injury to health and property in Canada" principally through the introduction of harmful foreign biota (fish species, parasites, eggs and disease) to the Hudson Bay drainage basin through water transferred from the Missouri River drainage basin. In July 1984, the U.S. Congress established the Garrison Commission to study North Dakota's water needs. The Canadian Government, in full cooperation with the Government of Manitoba, worked vigorously through diplomatic channels to ensure that the Commission would take full account of Canadian concerns and the findings of the International Joint Commission. The Garrison Commission issued its report in December 1984. The Government confirmed to the U.S. Administration that the Commission's report could form the basis for a resolution of this bilateral irritant. The bill signed into law by President Reagan today effectively implements the Commission's report.