

Officials of the Governments of Canada, the United States, Saskatchewan and Montana, met in Regina on April 15, 1975, to exchange information and views with regard to the Saskatchewan Power Corporation's proposal to construct a thermal generating station near Coronach, Saskatchewan. The meeting was further to a recent exchange of Notes between the Canadian and United States Governments, wherein the U.S.A. expressed concern about the possible effects of the project on the United States, and Canada gave assurances that its obligations under the Boundary Water Treaty would be honoured and agreed to a U.S.A. request that a meeting take place to examine the transboundary implications of the project. During the meeting, Canadian officials reiterated the assurances contained in the Canadian Note of February 13, 1975, and outlined in some detail the origin, scope and anticipated impact of the project. The Canadian side indicated, on the basis of its analysis of the project, that it will be consistent with Canada's obligations under the Boundary Waters Treaty. The Canadian side further described the licencing procedure to be followed in Canada under the International River Improvements Act. It described conditions that have been included in the Saskatchewan government licence and characterized conditions that would be included in a federal licence to ensure that Canada's obligations under the Treaty are met.

The U.S. side expressed its concern about the project's potential transboundary effects and the fact that the project was continuing prior to completion of all environmental studies. The U.S. side indicated that its concern is based on the project's potential for air pollution, water pollution, the consumptive use of the waters of the Poplar River, and the need to protect the River's ecology. The U.S. side expressed its appreciation for the exchange of information and noted with satisfaction the licencing requirements that will be required by the Government of Canada to preserve water quality. The U.S. side also noted with satisfaction the willingness of the Province of Saskatchewan to consider further measures, if necessary, to ensure that adverse transboundary air pollution will not occur.