

- b) the present use of these waters and their uses which may reasonably be anticipated in the future;
- c) the effects of present water quality on these uses;
- d) the nature, extent and location of inputs on the quality and quantity of these waters to be anticipated as a result of the proposed completion and operation of the Garrison Diversion Unit;
- e) the nature, extent and economic cost of such inputs to be anticipated from the proposed completion and operation of the Garrison Diversion Unit on the present and anticipated future uses of these waters; and
- f) the nature and extent of the input on commercial and recreational fisheries in Manitoba, particularly Lake Winnipeg, of the possible introduction from the Missouri River system through the Garrison Diversion Unit of foreign species of fish, fish diseases and fish parasites.

The Commission has been in session for a year and its report was scheduled for October 31, 1976. However, due to delays in preparation of background scientific data, the IJC's recommendations will not be ready before 1977.

Consultation prior to implementation of a project in order to ensure adherence to Article IV of the Boundary Waters Treaty is illustrated also in the Poplar River Project. This is a power proposal of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SPC) to construct a coal-fired thermal electric generating station, a water reservoir to provide a coolant and a coal strip-mining operation. This system would be located within five miles of the international border.

Construction is proceeding and a license has been issued to the SPC by the Federal Department of the Environment subject to certain terms and conditions, one of which is that "the licensee shall construct, operate and maintain the improvement in such a manner as shall not contravene any provision of the International Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909".

A desire by Canada to comply with Article IV of the treaty and concern on the part of the United States, led to the IJC being requested to carry out a water apportionment study. This report is expected shortly.

At a meeting between the Governments of Canada, the United States, Saskatchewan and Montana held in Regina on March 5, 1976, the Canadian Government reiterated that Canada would meet its obligations under the Boundary Waters Treaty. On the recommendation of the IJC an international monitoring network in the Poplar basin will be established to provide basic data on the existing water quality and any changes in that quality.