

Government of Canada has not yet been officially informed of these alternatives, however, nor have these alternatives been discussed with Canadian officials.

Since 1969, by means of a series of diplomatic Notes and meetings, the Government of Canada has been in continuing consultation with the Government of the United States on the Garrison Diversion Unit as it affects Canada. An important stage in this consultative process was reached on October 23, 1973, with the presentation of a Note to the United States Government in which the Government of Canada concluded, based on studies conducted in both countries, that the proposal would run counter to the obligations assumed by the United States under Article IV of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. Accordingly, the Note requested the Government of the United States to "establish a moratorium on all further construction of the Garrison Diversion Unit until such time as the United States and Canadian Governments can reach an understanding that Canadian rights and interests have been fully protected in accordance with the provisions of the Boundary Waters Treaty".

The Government of the United States gave its assurances in a reply Note dated February 5, 1974, that "the U.S. will comply with its obligation to Canada not to pollute water crossing the boundary