



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT
106 SOUTH 15TH STREET
OMAHA NE 68102-1618

February 22, 2005

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division

Mr. Woody Corbine, Executive Director
Mni Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition
P.O. Box 2890
Rapid City, South Dakota 57709-2890

Dear Mr. Corbine:

The Charles Mix Electric Cooperative has submitted plans to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District for the replacement of underground electric lines to three separate irrigation pumps along Lake Francis Case (Enclosure 1). The new lines would be installed in the same location as the original lines. The project areas are located in the NE 1/4 and NW1/4 of Section 31 and the E 1/2 W1/2 of Section 32, T96N, R66W in Charles Mix County, South Dakota (Enclosure 2).

A February 2005 file search revealed that five sites had been recorded in sections 31 and 32: 39CH22, 39CH24, 39CH25, 39CH26 and 39CH28. Sites 39CH26 and 29CH28 are inundated. The remaining three sites are ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places. None of the sites are adjacent nor in the project areas.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding this project and wish to consult on this matter, please respond in writing no later than March 25, 2005, referencing "Charles Mix electric lines" in your correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sandra Barnum at (402) 221-4895.

Sincerely,

Candace M. Gorton, Chief
Environmental, Economics, and
Cultural Resources Section
Planning Branch

Enclosures