RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Serving the Water Supply Needs of Central North Dakota and the Red River Valley



NORTH DAKOTA USAGE OF THE MISSOURI RIVER

The Missouri River accounts for 95% of North Dakota's surface water. North Dakota currently utilizes slightly over 1% of the Missouri River that flows through the state.

MISSOURI RIVER RESERVOIR STORAGE



The Missouri River System is the largest reservoir system in North America, with the capacity to store 73.4 million acre-feet of water. In North Dakota, Lake Sakakawea (Garrison Dam) has the capacity to store nearly 24 million acre-feet of water, almost 1/3 of the storage capacity of the entire six dam reservoir system.

(Source: RRVWSP Final Environmental Impact Statement)

CHANGE IN ELEVATION OF LAKE SAKAKAWEA



Three feet of water is lost on average each year due to evaporation on Lake Sakakawea. Studies show that the change in storage due to the Red River Valley Water Supply Project would lower the level of Lake Sakakawea about **one inch** per year during a severe drought.

MISSOURI RIVER FLOWS AT BISMARCK



Maximum water needed for the RRVWSP, NAWS & SWPP, and WAWS is **1%**

| Missouri River Average Annual Flows at Bismarck | 16.7 MAF |
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| Max. Water Needed for Regional Water Supply Projects | 0.164 MAF |
| Red River Valley Water Supply Project | 0.119 MAF |
| Northwest Area Water Supply Project | 0.015 MAF |
| Southwest Pipeline Project | 0.017 MAF |
| Western Area Water Supply Project | 0.013 MAF |

MAF = million acre-feet (Source: North Dakota State Water Commission)

MISSOURI RIVER FLOWS



22,500 CFS Average Annual Discharge from Garrison Dam



12,000 CFS Lowest Annual Missouri River Flow During Severe 1930s Drought



165 CFS

Maximum Flow Used by the RRVWSP During Peak Operations