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IN REPLY TO:

Dr. Vikram M. Mehta
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The Center for Research on Changing Earth Systems
Columbia, MD 21044

Dear Dr. Mehta:

The purpose of this letter is to indicate our agency's willingness to provide a staff member to serve on the Advisory Committee for the project "*An Assessment of the Hydrologic Vulnerability of the Missouri River Basin to Climatic Variability at Interannual to Decadal Timescales*". We support the project and believe there is a need for increased research on the potential climatic variability on agricultural and other water uses in the basin. As the state agency administering surface water rights and helping plan for management of interrelated groundwater and surface water we have a strong interest in understanding the potential impacts of climatic variability on water supplies and agriculture. Thank you for your efforts to research this important topic.

Sincerely,

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cc: Prof. Donald A. Wilhite

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Don -

Here is the letter you requested. Although it doesn't say so, I will be the Department representative unless you request otherwise. IF you'd like my name in the letter - let me know. My understanding is that you will be sending this on to Mohata. It sounds like an interesting project and may be of help in our water management efforts

STEVE