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FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change

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Attention: Resource Coordinator, Lance Elias

From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana

Subject: **Canyon Ferry Water Release Order - CFR No. 06-12**

CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:

Elevation: 3776.64; Storage: 1,266,055 acre-feet; River Release: 4,800 cfs; Inflow: 3,960 cfs;

GENERAL COMMENTS:

This faxogram confirms the special operations conducted by the Helena Valley Irrigation District on March 30. The District reported that Helena Valley Reservoir was nearly full pool and informed Reclamation they planned to discontinue diversions to Helena Valley. In response, the following operation change was required at Canyon Ferry Dam and Powerplant.

CANYON FERRY RELEASES AND OPERATIONS: All times are Mountain Standard Time (MST)

At 1600 hour on Thursday, March 30, 2006:

Maintain releases through the river outlet gates at 0 cfs.

Maintain releases through the spillway gates at 0 cfs.

Maintain turbine releases at 4,800 cfs (\approx 1068 MW-Hrs/day using 107.8 cfs/mw).

Decrease releases for Helena Vally Project to 0 cfs (0 cfs pumped to Helena Valley and 0 cfs discharged to the Missouri River).

Decrease average daily release to the Missouri River at about 4,800 cfs.

Decrease average total release from Canyon Ferry at about 4,800 cfs.

/S/ Tim H. Felchle