

## Fort Peck (Assiniboine and Sioux) Reservation/ Dry Prairie Rural Water System

The Fort Peck (Assiniboine and Sioux) Reservation/Dry Prairie Rural Water System in northeastern Montana received \$47.4 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding. The funding was used to complete construction of a water treatment plant and accelerate right-of-way acquisitions, engineering design and construction of project pipeline segments.

### **Fort Peck Wambdi Wahachanka Water Treatment Plant**

The Wambdi Wahachanka Water Treatment Plant received \$28 million in ARRA funding and was completed in 2011. This part of the project included construction of approximately five miles of raw water pipeline connecting the water treatment plant to the intake facility on the Missouri River. The water treatment plant will supply 13.6 million gallons of safe, treated drinking water to more than

27,500 people through 3,200 miles of pipeline at project completion.

Currently, the water treatment plant provides drinking water to the on-reservation community of Poplar. Water delivery to the community of Frazer was recently completed in December, 2013. The recent completion of the Big Muddy Creek Pipeline extended the system to the eastern boundary of the reservation. This connection will convey treated water from the water treatment plant to non-tribal, Dry Prairie-supplied communities east of the reservation.

The water treatment plant is named in honor of former Tribal Council member and Council Chairman, Dr. Caleb Shields, whose Indian Name, Wambdi Wahachanka, means Eagle Shield.

