



### **BTAP Hosts IJC Tour and Information Session**

BTAP Hosts IJC Tour and Information Session On June 5th, BTAP hosted a tour for the International Joint Commission (IJC) St. Mary and Milk Rivers Study Board. BTAP staff gave an excellent presentation to delegates from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Montana, South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming and the District of Columbia.

The St. Mary and Milk Rivers are connected through the St. Mary/Milk canal system in Montana moving water from the St. Mary River to the Milk River during irrigation seasons. These waters are apportioned between Canada and the United States under the provisions in the Boundary Waters Treaty and in the International Joint Commission's (IJC) 1921 Order. In response to disputes arising regarding moving St. Mary water to the Milk, the Boundary Waters Treaty was signed in 1909 to prevent and resolve disputes over the use of waters shared by Canada and the USA. The treaty established the IJC to help the two countries carry out its provisions in mitigation of any water issues. The IJC now also handles boundary water issues for much larger bodies of water (Great Lakes, Columbia River, etc.)