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State Water Commission to Conduct Missouri River Bank Filtration Intake Investigation

The State Water Commission is studying the feasibility of subsurface water intakes along the Missouri River for potential future water sources through a Missouri River Bank Filtration Intake Investigation.

A crucial part of the study will involve several aerial geophysical surveys. The aerial surveys will be performed by a helicopter flying at approximately 100 feet above the ground along the Missouri River to collect soil information. “We want the public and residents living near the area to be well informed about the investigation and know that safety will be a key factor,” said State Engineer Todd Sando. “We are pursuing this investigation to acquire important data to help find suitable intake locations for future water projects.”

The aerial portion of the Missouri River Bank Filtration Intake Investigation is scheduled to begin at the end of October and is expected to be complete in one week depending on the weather. The flights will be conducted along the Missouri River between Garrison Dam and the north end of Lake Oahe, which is located south of Bismarck.