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To: **Members of Spring Rise Plenary Group**

Congratulations on being selected as a member of the Plenary Group to develop a proposal for a Spring Rise on the Missouri River. The CDR team facilitators are eager to meet and work with you on this challenging process. The Core Planning Group had a very successful and productive meeting in Kansas City on May 9 – 10, 2005, and nominated Plenary Group members at that time.

The first Plenary Group meeting will take place in St. Joseph, Missouri, on June 1 – 2, 2005. This is both an introductory and a work session, so we suggest that you dress in comfortable clothing - coat & ties or similar formal dress are not required.

Attached to this e-mail are the following items that will tell you more about the Plenary Group and how this process will proceed:

- ◆ A list of Plenary Group members approved by the Core Planning group on May 9 – 10. (The Core Planning Group consisted of a broad cross section of over 25 representatives of a stakeholder groups concerned about a Spring Rise. They were convened to plan the first plenary session of the Spring Rise initiative. Their functions are described in the attached Draft Protocol and Ground rules.)
- ◆ A draft agenda for the first Plenary Group meeting in St. Joseph on June 1 – 2.
- ◆ A schedule with locations for subsequent meetings of the Plenary Group and Technical Working Groups. (Facilities have been secured for all meeting locations on the identified dates. Dates and locations were approved by the Core Planning Group.)
- ◆ A graphic that describes the relationship of the different deliberative and/or input groups which will be involved in developing a proposal for a Spring Rise. This graphic will be explained in our first Plenary Group meeting.
- ◆ A draft Protocol and Ground rules to guide relationships among parties as they engage in deliberations and negotiations.

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- ◆ Driving instructions to the meeting location in St. Joseph and a list of nearby hotels.

Because your participation is critical to this process, please let us know as soon as possible if you will attend the June 1-2 meeting by contacting Jaclyn Wiggins at jwiggins@mediate.org

If you have comments or questions prior to the Plenary Group meeting, please contact Chris Moore, Project Lead, at CDR Associates – (303) 442-7367 or cmoore@mediate.org

In the coming weeks, we may be sending you additional information that will help you prepare for the session. Look for it in your e-mail.

Again, we look forward to seeing you at the first Plenary Group Meeting.

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