

April 11, 2006

Michael J. Fagerland
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Dear Mr. Fagerland:

We have received the updated application for Bond Release No. 4 to Permit KRGC-8101. Due to the amount of time that has elapsed since the original submittal (April 11, 2002), we believe it is necessary that you re-publish the public notice. This notice should be published again once a week for 4 consecutive weeks in The Bismarck Tribune and the Bowman County Pioneer. The public notice that was approved as part of the initial submittal is acceptable to use but please update as necessary, especially the narrative to reflect the change of ownership of the feedlot facility. Please inform us of the last date of publication and submit the affidavits of publication once you receive them.

We will also inspect the bond release tracts again and provide the surface owners the opportunity to participate in the inspection. We will be contacting you soon to schedule the inspection which is tentatively planned for mid-May.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division