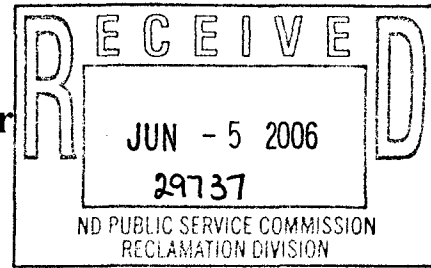


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May 30, 2006

Mr. Jim Deutsch, Director
Reclamation Division
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

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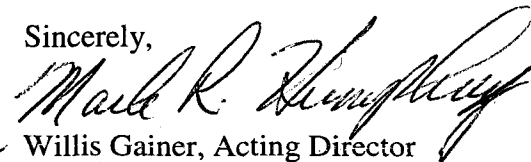
Dear Mr. Deutsch:

This letter is to acknowledge our receipt of your formal program amendment package (Amendment XXXVI) to North Dakota's approved reclamation program. These proposed changes to the North Dakota Administrative Code address data requirements for reclamation success and revegetation success standards among other things.

They will be distributed to our list of other interested parties and Federal agencies and our office will initiate the formal review process on the material submitted by you dated May 26, 2006.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please feel free to contact this office again.

Sincerely,

for 
Willis Gainer, Acting Director
Casper Field Office

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