



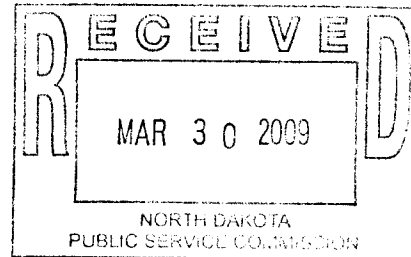
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**Pipeline and Hazardous
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Mr. Alan Moch
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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RE: Solicitation # DTPH56-09-SN-0001, "State Damage Prevention Program"

Dear Mr. Moch:

We thank you for submitting an application in response to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Solicitation #DTPH56-09-SN-0001.

PHMSA has completed its review of the applications submitted, and we regret to inform you that after careful consideration, we determined that your application was not among those selected for further consideration. Our decision is based on the evaluation criteria established in the Solicitation, Article VI "Application Review information."

We anticipate releasing the 2010 State Damage Prevention Program grant announcement during the months of June or July of calendar year 2009. Again, thank you for the time and effort you devoted to participating in this year's program. We encourage your organization's participation in the 2010 damage prevention program or any other future requirements that may be of interest.

Sincerely,

Warren D. Osterberg
Contracting Officer

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