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Mr. James Deutsch, Director
Reclamation & AML Divisions
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

We received the FY2009 Grant Application for the State of North Dakota Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program. We have completed the programmatic review of your grant application and recommend the grant be approved in the amount of \$3,037,279. The award process should be completed well in advance of the March 1, 2009 start of the grant year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Sieving (307-261-6541) of my staff.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Fleischman, Director
Casper Field Office