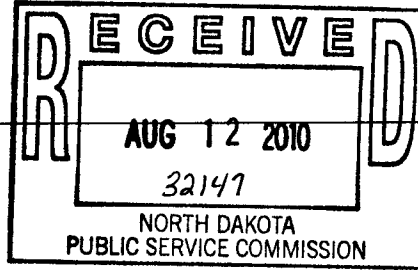


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RE: Revision No. 36 – Surface Coal Mining Permit BCGH for the Glenharold Mine located near Stanton to change the post-mining land use on 325 acres in Section 31, T144N, R84W, Mercer County from an agricultural to industrial land use to expand the Leland Olds Station (LOS) special waste disposal site located in Oliver and Mercer Counties, North Dakota.

Dear North Dakota Public Service Commission:

This letter is in reference to the North Dakota Century Code Chapter 38-14.1 and revised rules under North Dakota Administrative Code Article 69-5.5 that pertain to surface coal mining and reclamation operations (i.e., revegetation responsibility period).

Upon review of this revision, it appears changes have not been made to the reclamation processes of prime farmland. Therefore, NRCS will not be submitting comments. Thank you for the opportunity to review this revision. If you have additional questions, please contact Steve Sieler, State Soil Liaison, at (701) 530-2019

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul J. Sweeney".

PAUL J. SWEENEY  
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