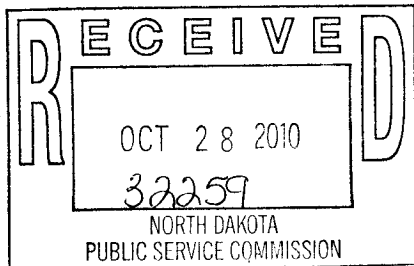


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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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State Capital 13th Floor
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Bismarck ND 58505-0480

Subject: Certification Letter – Surface Water Management Operations Plans

To the Reviewing Agency:

I have reviewed and hereby certify the information and design drawings within the surface water management operations plans for the South Heart Lignite Mine, were prepared by myself or under my direction, for the purpose of filing of the original South Heart Lignite Mine Permit. I further certify that the surface water management operation plans meet the requirements of Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code and were developed using current and prudent engineering practices and procedures and the applicable design requirements established by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Yours sincerely

NORWEST CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Hitt".

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Enclosures

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