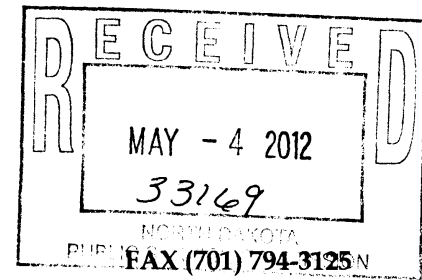
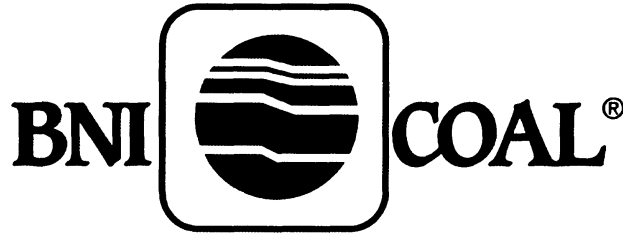


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May 4, 2012

Mr. Jim Deutsch, Director  
Reclamation Division, NDPSC  
Department 408  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Revision 12 to Permit BNCR-9401

Dear Mr. Deutsch,

This submittal contains the information necessary for your review and approval of Revision 12 to Permit BNCR-9401. This revision will add 180.13 acres in Section 8, T141N, R83W and Section 32, T142N, R83W. This addition will facilitate haul roads for coal delivery to the nearby power plant from an adjoining proposed permit BNCR-1101 and also extend the boundary for Minnkota's waste facility sites. Enclosed you will find an application for Revision 12 with the appropriate fee and an electronic permit submittal on DVD.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at the Center office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karene M. Hall".

Karene M. Hall  
Permit Coordinator