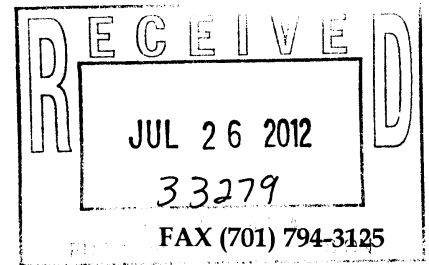
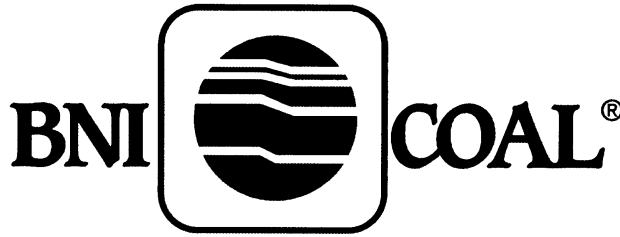


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July 26, 2012

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

RE: Revision 51 to Permit BNCR-8106

Dear Mr. Deutsch,

This submittal contains the information necessary for your review and approval of Revision 51 to Permit BNCR-8106. This revision will add a total of 55.43 acres in Sections 23, 35 and 36, T142N, R84W of which 49.86 acres are being transferred from Permit 37. This addition will also add 5.57 acres in the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36 that were previously permitted and released to facilitate a dragline walkway for access around BNI's west overpass. Enclosed you will find an application for Revision 51 with the appropriate fee and updated sections of the permit.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Karene M. Hall".

Karene M. Hall  
Permit Coordinator