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May 28, 2014

Mr. Jeff Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Office
Office of Surface Mining
P.O. Box 11018
Casper, WY 82601-7032

**RE: Amendment to North Dakota's 2014 Administration and Enforcement Grant,
S13AP20050-0001-G310 (GR 303383)**

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Enclosed is completed SF424 to reduce the amount of federal funds for North Dakota's 2014 Administration and Enforcement Grant, S13AP20050-0001 or GR 303383. The SF424 proposes a **\$45,000 reduction** is the amount of federal funds for this one-year grant period that will end on June 30, 2014. You had previously asked western states to de-obligate any excess federal funds in the current coal regulatory program grants.

We are proposing the \$45,000 reduction since our most recent budget report indicates we have excess federal funds to cover expenses for the remaining two months in North Dakota's current A & E grant. The two primary reasons for the lower than expected costs are: 1) the average July 1, 2013 salary increases as authorized during North Dakota's 2013 Legislative Session was lower than that budgeted, and 2) the indirect cost rate that was approved last fall for our 2013-15 biennium was lower than that proposed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (701) 328-2251.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

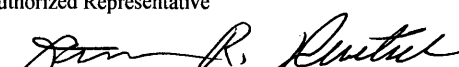
Enclosure

Minedata/OSM/grant&budget/2014 grant/Grand_amend_deobligate_itr_5-28-14

Standard Form 424

OMB Approval No. 0348-0043

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: <i>Application</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Preapplication</i> <input type="checkbox"/>		2. DATE SUBMITTED 5-28-14	Applicant Identifier RO34-14	
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		<input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE
4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY		State Application Identifier ND130517-0153		
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION				
Legal Name: North Dakota Public Service Commission			Organizational Unit: Reclamation Division	
Address (give city, county, state, and zip code): 600 E. Boulevard Ave. Department 408 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480			Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code) James R. Deutsch 701-328-2251	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): <u>4 5 -- 0 3 0 9 7 6 4</u> DUNS# 802-744-946			7. TYPE OF APPLICANT (enter appropriate letter in box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [A] A. State H. Independent School District B. County I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning C. Municipal J. Private University D. Township K. Indian Tribe E. Interstate L. Individual F. Intermunicipal M. Profit Organization G. Special District N. Other (Specify)	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision If revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es): [B] A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration Other (specify): New Application				
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: <u>1 5 -- 2 5 0</u>			9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING	
TITLE: Reclamation Permanent Regulatory Program			11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: ND Regulatory Program, Administration & Enforcement	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (cities, counties, states, etc.) North Dakota				
13. PROPOSED PROJECT:		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:		
Start Date 7-1-2013	Ending Date 6-30-2014	a. Applicant North Dakota	b. Project North Dakota	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS? a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: DATE <u>5-17-13</u> b. NO <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372 <input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED FOR STATE REVIEW		
a. Federal		- \$45,000.00		
b. Applicant				
c. State				
d. Local				
e. Other				
f. Program Income				
g. TOTAL		- \$45,000.00		
17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes," attach an explanation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.				
a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative James R. Deutsch		b. Title Director, Reclamation Division ND Public Service Commission		c. Telephone number 701-328-2400
d. Signature of Authorized Representative 			e. Date Signed May 28, 2014	