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February 28, 2014

Mr. Jim Deutsch, Director
Reclamation Division
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

This letter is to acknowledge our receipt of North Dakota's 2014 AML Grant Application for the grant period beginning March 1st, 2014 and ending February 28th, 2017. Grant amounts announced by OSM in a February 24, 2014 press release represented 92.8 percent of AML grant funding that would normally be available, because 7.2 percent of the funds were being held back due to the President's FY2014 sequestration order issued on April 10, 2013. Full 100 percent distribution of AML grant funds for FY2014 would have totaled $3,644,511.24. Currently, $3,382,106.31 in AML grant funding are being made available for the FY2014 grant period. This is equal to the exact amount requested. A total of $262,404.93 has been sequestered. We have completed the programmatic review of your grant application and approve the grant in the amount of $3,382,106.31.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Sieving of my staff at (307) 261-6541.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Division

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Letter received from the OSM's Casper Field Office approving the grant application
US Dept of Interior Office of Surface Mining
Jeff Fleischman