



October 4, 2022

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
ATTN: Victor Schock  
600E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0408

**RE: PU-14-853 Reclamation Inspection**

Mr. Schock,

Carlson McCain, Inc. is pleased to submit the attached Reclamation Inspection Report for the Targo Little Missouri Gas Plant Project (PU-14-853). If you have questions or need further information, you can contact me at [ctucker@carlsonmccain.com](mailto:ctucker@carlsonmccain.com) or (701) 255-1475.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chad Tucker".

Chad Tucker

## Overview

Carlson McCain biologist, Chad Tucker, visited the Little Missouri Gas Plant on September 8, 2022. A Targa representative allowed permission on the site but was not available to provide an escort. It is believed that reclamation was completed in 2020. A pedestrian inspection of the reclamation was performed. Overall, the revegetation of the reclaimed areas did not appear to be successful, likely due to severe drought conditions in 2021. Further efforts to control erosion and establish grass planting are needed across the site. Further evaluation may be necessary.

## Observations

- All contoured drainageways have erosional down cutting, no established vegetation, and no maintained Erosion Control Devices (ECDs).
- The main Targa lot and substation pad have erosional cuts from surface water run-off.
- Grass plantings are marginally established on the north side of Parcel 2.
- The south side of Parcel 2 has multiple erosional cuts extending outside of surfaced lot.
- There are numerous patches of noxious weeds on the south side of Parcel 2.
- Very little native seeding has been established. Overall kochia weed is the most prevalent species found,

## Photos



**Photo 1. View of surface flow erosion in the main parking area of the Targa Badlands LMGP.**



**Photo 2. View of run-off erosion from the parking lot of the LMGP, likely due to lack of established vegetation planting.**



**Photo 3. A contoured drain with un-maintained straw waddles. A lack of established grass planting has resulted in erosion.**



**Photo 4. Erosion in the Road ditch on the east side of 125th Avenue NW.**



**Photo 5. Surface flow erosion coming from parking area in Parcel 2.**



**Photo 6. Grass planting in Parcel 3, north of the substation, have been established and appear in good condition.**



**Photo 7. Tree planting in poor condition with empty water tank and little herbaceous vegetation growing.**



**Photo 8. Canada thistle is common on the south side of Parcel 2.**