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**NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT**

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Boe Gregson  
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Dear Mr. Gregson:

RE: Sacagawea Pipeline Project

Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC is proposing to construct and operate an approximately 70-mile long oil and natural gas pipeline system in McKenzie and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota. This letter is in reference to the 2.12 miles of the pipeline system located under Lake Sakakawea and requiring authorization from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Lake Sakakawea is a highly valued recreational and fishery resource. We recommend that additional precautions be implemented into the design of pipelines crossing under waterways of the State to prevent leaks or spills from entering the lake. One means of minimizing a potentially large pipeline failure is to incorporate pressure sensing valves on both sides of the waterway. These valves should be placed as close to the waterway as possible while staying out of the floodplain to reduce potential damage from ice and other floating debris. A maintenance schedule should be developed to insure the integrity of the pipe for the life of the project.

Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) are a major concern in North Dakota. State law requires that the contractor, including any and all subcontractors involved in this project, take appropriate precautions to prevent the introduction or movement of ANS within the state. The contractor should provide the department a reasonable opportunity to inspect any equipment prior to these items being launched or placed into waters of the state. The department's Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinator, Mr. Fred Ryckman, can be contacted at 701-770-0920 for equipment inspections or additional information regarding ANS prevention protocols.

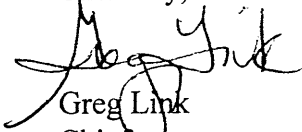
We do not believe this project will have significant adverse effects on wildlife or wildlife habitat, including species of conservation priority, provided these recommendations are implemented where appropriate.

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**Comments and recommendations**

North Dakota Game & Fish Department

Greg Link, Chief

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Link". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" and last name "Link" clearly distinguishable.

Greg Link  
Chief

Conservation & Communication Division

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