

**Site/Project Location:** Oliver Wind Laydown Yard      **Date of Inspection:** 14 July 2016

Laydown yard location consisting of approximately 15 acres was visited at the start of civil work construction. Inspection of construction sites to focus on (1) confirming surface disturbance/work occurring within ND PSC-approved work corridor and/or route; (2) topsoil segregation occurring; (3) vegetation removal consistent with tree & scrub mitigation plan, if applicable.

**Observed Work / Weather Conditions**

Visit occurred between 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Weather included clear skies with unrestricted visibility. NW wind 5-15 mph. No rain or other precipitation. Temperature 65°F.

Surface stripping in progress by 2 equipment operators at Oliver Wind laydown yard site. Equipment parking area along south section of property including employee vehicles. Topsoil is being segregated and piled on the east and north sides of the site. All work is occurring within flagged boundaries. This site will be reclaimed at the end of the Project.

**Top Soil Management / Condition / Erosion Control / Stormwater Management**

Topsoil from subsoil segregation appears adequate. 6-8 inches of topsoil had been removed in areas with some subsoil visible. Other areas topsoil is being removed to 12 inches where it is present. Site foreman was instructed to continue to remove topsoil to depth of subsoil or to 12-inches, whichever is greater, and these instructions have been followed. Stormwater / sediment control were not yet in place although no signs of runoff were noted.

**Vegetation Condition**

No evidence of tree or shrub removal noted.

**Deficiencies**

No deficiencies were noted at this time.

**Actions Taken/To Be Taken**

Topsoil segregation was noted to be acceptable at this time. Equipment operator has demonstrated proficiency in topsoil removal and segregation in compliance with the Commission's Order.

**Keitu Inspector:** HJM

**Report Photo #1 "Topsoil removal at 6-8 inches, visible subsoil"**



**Report Photo #2 "Topsoil removal and east stockpile"**



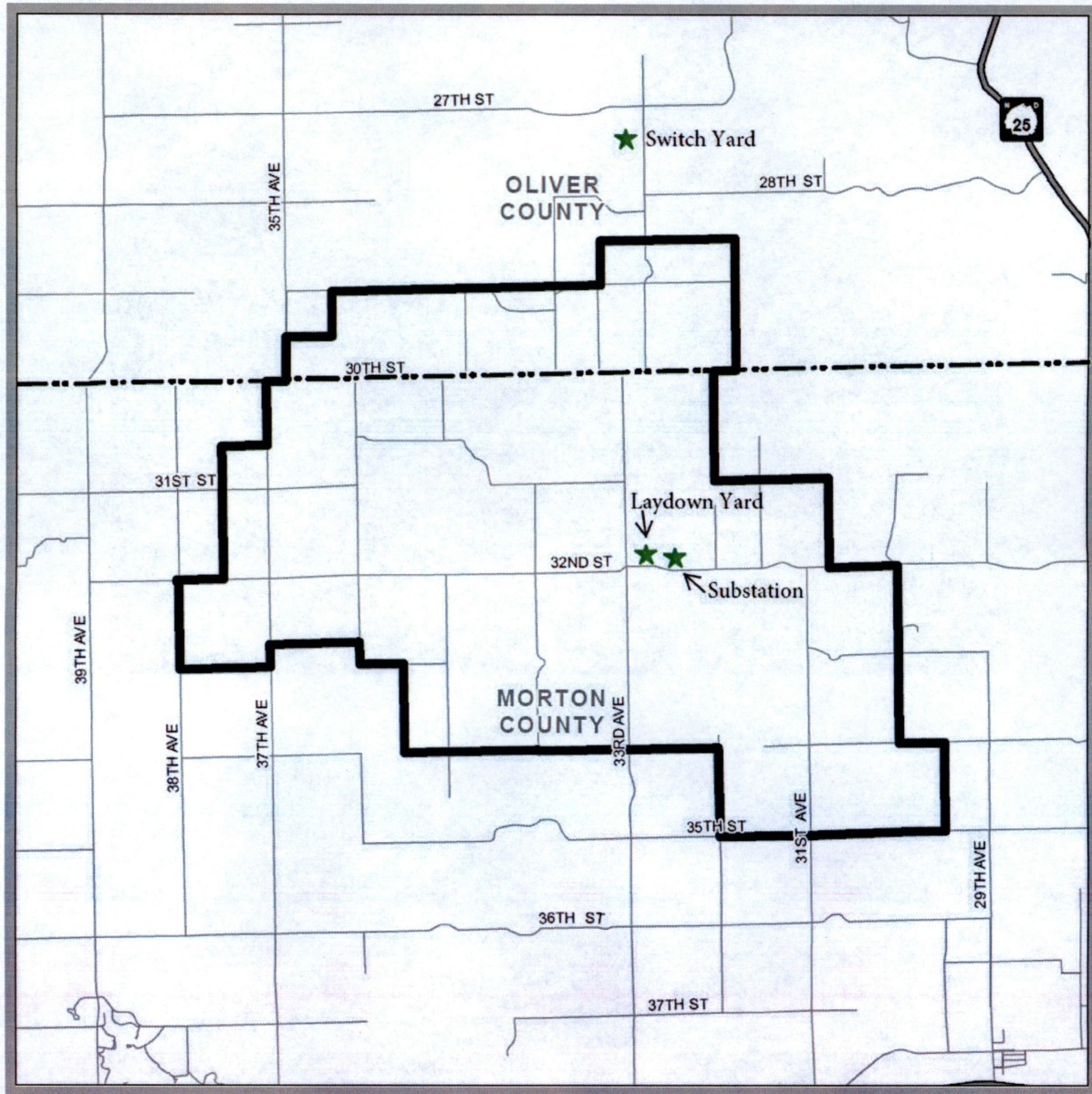
**Report Photo #3 "Topsoil removal and north stockpile"**



**Report Photo #4 "Topsoil Removal"**



**Site Location:**



**Site/Project Location:** Oliver Wind Substation Area      **Date of Inspection:** 7 July 2016

Substation location consisting of approximately 5 acres was visited at the start of civil work construction. Inspection of construction sites to focus on (1) confirming surface disturbance/work occurring within ND PSC-approved work corridor and/or route; (2) topsoil segregation occurring in a proficient manner; (3) vegetation removal consistent with tree & scrub mitigation plan, if applicable.

**Observed Work / Weather Conditions**

Visit occurred between 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Weather included clear skies with unrestricted visibility. NW wind 5-10 mph. No rain or other precipitation. Temperature 61°F.

Surface stripping in progress by 3 equipment operators at Oliver Wind substation site. Parking area along south section of property including employee vehicles. Topsoil is being segregated and piled on the west and north sides of the site.

**Top Soil Management / Condition / Erosion Control / Stormwater Management**

Topsoil from subsoil segregation appears adequate. 8-12 inches of topsoil had been removed in areas with some subsoil visible. Site foreman was instructed to continue to remove topsoil to depth of subsoil or to 12-inches, whichever is greater, and these instructions have been followed. Stormwater / sediment control were not yet in place although no signs of runoff were noted.

**Vegetation Condition**

No evidence of tree or shrub removal noted.

**Deficiencies**

Topsoil had been removed to a depth of 8-12 inches. No deficiencies noted.

**Actions Taken/To Be Taken**

Equipment operator has demonstrated proficiency in topsoil removal and segregation in compliance with the Commission's Order. No further follow-up expected.

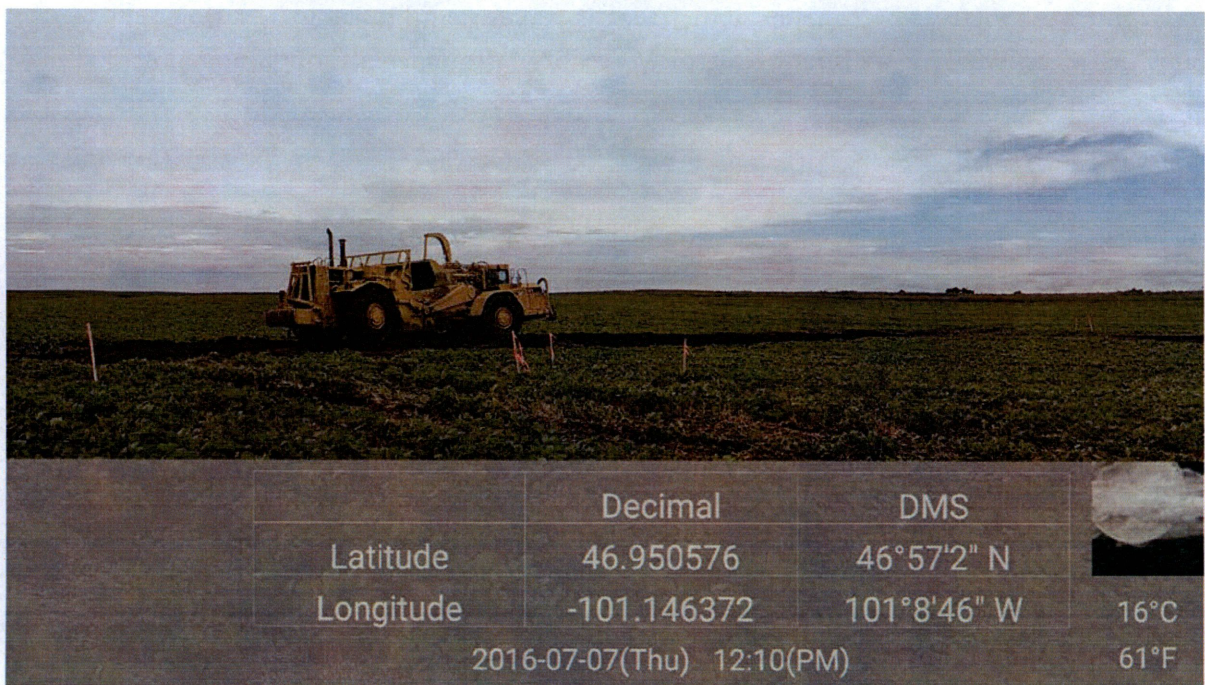
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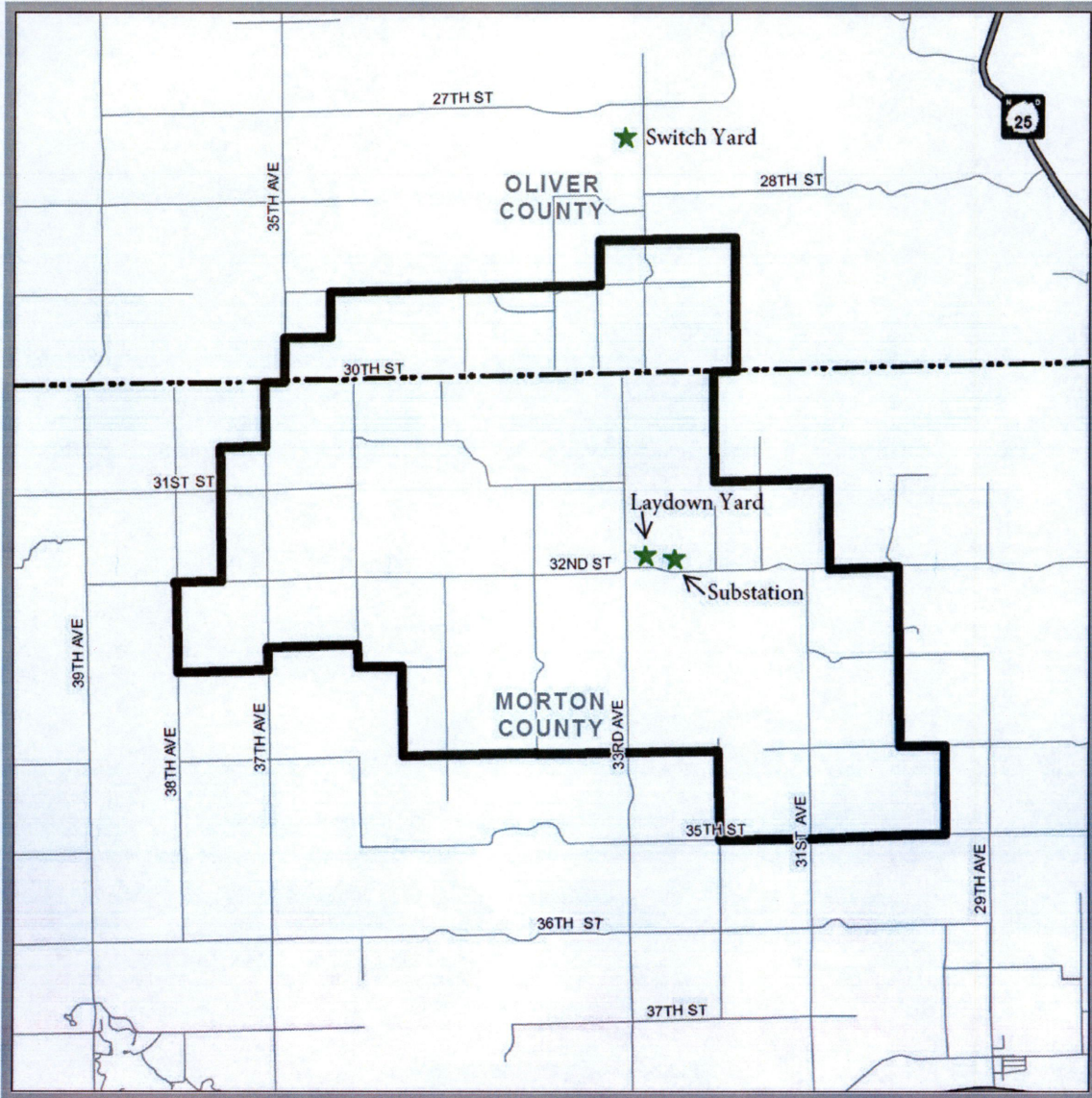
**Report Photo #1 "Topsoil removal at 8-12 inches, visible subsoil"**



**Report Photo #2 "Topsoil removal and north stockpile"**



**Site Location:**



**Site/Project Location:** Oliver III Wind Switchyard      **Date of Inspection:** 14 July 2016

Switchyard location consisting of approximately 5 acres was visited at the start of civil work construction. Inspection of construction sites to focus on (1) confirming surface disturbance/work occurring within ND PSC-approved work corridor and/or route; (2) topsoil segregation occurring; (3) vegetation removal consistent with tree & scrub mitigation plan, if applicable.

**Observed Work / Weather Conditions**

Visit occurred between 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Weather included clear skies with unrestricted visibility. NW wind 5-15 mph. No rain or other precipitation. Temperature 65°F.

Civil work in progress by 1 equipment operators at Oliver Wind switchyard site. Parking area along east section of property including employee vehicles. Topsoil has being segregated and piled on the south sides of the site. Topsoil segregation is complete. Equipment operators are working on drying out the subsoil before grading can begin.

**Top Soil Management / Condition / Erosion Control / Stormwater Management**

Topsoil from subsoil segregation appears adequate. 8-12 inches of topsoil had been removed. Stormwater / sediment control were not yet in place although no signs of runoff were noted.

**Vegetation Condition**

No evidence of tree or shrub removal noted.

**Deficiencies**

Topsoil had been removed to a depth of 8-12 inches. Topsoil segregation was noted to be acceptable at this time.

**Actions Taken/To Be Taken**

Equipment operator has demonstrated proficiency in topsoil removal and segregation in compliance with the Commission's Order. No further follow-up expected.

**Keitu Inspector:** HJM

**Inspection Report Submitted:** 22 Jul 2016

**Report Photo #1 "Topsoil removal at 8-12 inches, visible subsoil"**



**Report Photo #2 "Topsoil removal and stockpile"**



**Site Location:**

