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April 6, 2018

Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Division
Office of Surface Mining
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150 East B Street
Casper, WY 82602-5004

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

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Mr. Marcelo Calle
Program Support Division
Western Regional Coordinating Center
Office of Surface Mining
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202-3050

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Mr. Donato J. Judice
Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals
Bureau of Land Management
5001 Southgate Dr.
Billings, MT 59101-4669

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Mr. Loren Wickstrom
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Bureau of Land Management
ND Field Office
99 23rd Ave West, Suite A
Dickinson, ND 58601

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Edward C. Murphy
State Geologist
North Dakota Geological Survey
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

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Garland Erbele, P.E.
State Engineer
North Dakota State Water Commission
900 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 770
Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

Dear Mr. Erbele:

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David Glatt, Chief
Environmental Health Section
North Dakota Department of Health
918 East Divide Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501-1947

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Claudia Berg, Director
State Historical Society of North Dakota
612 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

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Terry Steinwand, Director
North Dakota Game and Fish Department
100 North Bismarck Expressway
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

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Larry A. Kotchman
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North Dakota Forest Service
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Bottineau, ND 58318-1100

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Bruce Schmidt, Extension Program Coordinator
NDSU Extension Service
ND State Soil Conservation Committee
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