

March 3, 2022

Ms. Zanna A. Brinkman
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Public Service Commission
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Dear Ms. Brinkman:

A final copy of Final Bond Release #1 to Permit NACT-9001 has been uploaded to Permit Services. Changes below refer to a memo sent by Mr. Guy Welch on March 3, 2022.

Final Review:

Confirm trash rack on riser of pond SP-01-02. Trash rack needs to be installed prior to March 9, 2022! Agriculture Handbook 590.

Photos will be sent to the PSC once the trash rack is installed prior to March 9, 2022.

Attachment X – Native Grassland

The weighted average yield was calculated incorrectly in 2015 and 2016, in Step 5 of Attachment Xa1. The southern portion of Section 1, 1S, contains approximately 90 acres of reclaimed land and the north portion contains approximately 162 acres. Thus, the 2015 actual weighted yield is 3,033 not 3139 as listed in Step 5 on page 2 of Attachment Xa1 and on page 2 of Attachment X. Likewise, the 2016 actual weighted yield is 2,872 not 2.934 as listed on page 8 of Attachment X and page 2 of Attachment X. Please correct these errors.

The requested changes have been made. Per a phone conversation with Mr. Guy Welch it was determined that the initial calculations included with the memo were incorrect. The Bond Release package has been updated with the correct numbers.

The reclaimed basal cover values listed on page 3 of Attachment X are slightly different than the cumulative values listed in Attachment Xb, Basal Cover Standard Calculations. It appears the values listed in Attachment X represent weighted averaged whereas the values in Attachment Xb are a simple

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average (not weighted). Please revise to show how the values in Attachment X were calculated or use the average values listed in Attachment Xb.

Values have been adjusted to match what is shown in Attachment Xb.

In 2017, little bluestem contributed 5.97 percent of the relative cover composition in Section 2 but the value listed on page 4 of Attachment X is 5.9. This value should be rounded up to 6.0 percent and the total total relative percentage is 20.1 percent not 33.2 percent as listed.

The table has been updated with the requested changes and now reflects the accurate numbers.

Attachment Xa1 – Section 1 Production Survey Results

The sample adequacy formula at the bottom of the 2015 Section 1 production table incorrectly indicates that 20 samples were taken but data from 30 samples is shown, thus $n=30$. And, the t value, $n-1$, used in the sample adequacy formula should be 1.311 instead of 1.328. Please correct these errors.

The table has been updated to show 30 samples and the t -value has been corrected.

We look forward to your review and approval. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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/s/

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