

October 20, 2022

Joan Breiner
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Coal Fire at City of New Leipzig

Dear Joan,

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) has reviewed the above-referenced Coal Fire at the New Leipzig Landfill in Grant County, North Dakota.

NDPRD's scope of authority and expertise covers properties that NDPRD owns, leases, or manages; properties protected under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF); rare plants; and ecological communities established through the Natural Heritage Program.

The project does not appear to affect properties NDPRD owns, leases, or manages.

The project does not appear to affect any properties protected under Section 6(f) of the LWCF.

A North Dakota Natural Heritage biological conservation database query determines if any current or historical plant or animal species of concern or other significant ecological communities are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the project area. Based on this review, we have no known plant and animal species of concern or significant ecological communities documented within or immediately adjacent to the project site.

We appreciate your commitment to rare plant, animal, and ecological community conservation, management, and inter-agency cooperation. For additional information, please contact me at 701-328-5370, 701-220-3377 (cell), or kgduttenhefner@nd.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Kathy Duttenhefner, Chief Natural Resources Division

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Response to advisory letter regarding New Leipzig Coal Fire Project
North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department
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