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RE: Receipt of formal State Program Amendment XLII (42) revised submission.

Dear Ms. Brinkman:

The Denver Field Division has received the revised formal submittal of State Program Amendment XLII (42) on behalf of the State of North Dakota, dated and received December 9, 2022.

The proposed amendment consists of changes made to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Chapter 15-72 (Coal Mine Reclamation Trust) by the 67th Legislative Assembly in response to Senate Bill No. 2317 introduced by the Department of Trust Lands, and the resulting rule changes to the North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Article 69-05.2 for surface coal mining and reclamation operations. We will process the amendment as State Amendment Tracking System (SATS) number ND-056-FOR.

We have deemed this formal amendment submission to be administratively complete, and processing of ND-056-FOR has already begun. Please contact John Sieving at (307) 261-6541 or jsieving@osmre.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Division