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Randall,

Below please find responses to your questions on BFD's capabilities. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

**Joel Boespflug**

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Dear Chief Boespflug,

Our office represents a landowner who is impacted by the proposed Summit pipeline

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("pipeline") that it has requested to install north and east of Bismarck. We are writing to obtain information from you regarding your department's ability to address a carbon dioxide leak, should one occur. In that regard, we would request a response to the following questions:

1. Do the responders for the Bismarck Fire Department ("BFD") have training and/or experience responding a carbon dioxide leak? In other words, would your responders be adequately trained to respond to and address the emergency issues that would arise in the event of a carbon dioxide leak?

As we understand the proposed location for the pipeline, this would not be in the jurisdiction of BFD. We would respond to assist if requested through a mutual aid agreement and/or a request from the ND Department of Emergency Services. Our role would be to support the jurisdiction requesting assistance.

BFD responders are trained to respond to hazardous materials incidents. We have responded to incidents involving carbon dioxide released from containers or cylinders. The response to a release of carbon dioxide from a pipeline likely would involve actions including isolation, detection, monitoring, sheltering in place, evacuation, public notification and plume modeling. Coordination would occur with other response agencies.

2. Does the BFD have specialized equipment available to it to respond to a carbon dioxide leak, and if so, in what quantities?

BFD has equipment that would likely be used during a carbon dioxide leak including structural firefighting gear for thermal protection, self-contained breathing apparatus, air monitoring devices and chemical release software. The quantity of equipment provides personal protective equipment to each responder and monitoring equipment for each responding apparatus.

3. Is special equipment required to respond to a carbon dioxide leak, and if so, what equipment is required?

Same answer as question two.

The PSC hearing regarding the pipeline is scheduled on March 14, 2023, and thus we would greatly appreciate an email or written response by March 5, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Kindly please reply to all.

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