

March 6, 2023

Zanna Brinkman  
ND Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard, Dept 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Ms. Brinkman:

This is in response to your request for a review of the environmental impacts associated with the American Colloid Company - Revision No. 12 to Surface Coal Mining Permit ACPG-9701 project.

The proposed project has been reviewed by Department of Water Resources, and the following comments are provided:

- There is a FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulatory floodplain identified or mapped where this proposed project is to take place. Impacted areas are designated to be in NFIP Zone AE. North Dakota has no formal NFIP permitting authority, as all NFIP permitting decisions are considered by impacted NFIP participating communities, which is the community with zoning authority for the area in question. Please work directly with the local floodplain administrator of the zoning authority impacted to achieve NFIP and community compliance.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide review comments. Should you have further questions, please contact me at 701-328-4970 or [stevebest@nd.gov](mailto:stevebest@nd.gov).

Sincerely,



Steven Best  
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