
RE: Pile Test

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Rylan,

The Reclamation Division believes this material should be stockpiled near Pond 106 in accordance with abatement item No. 3 of your May 28, 2025 (incorrectly dated May 29, 2024) Abatement and Remediation Plan since the majority of the samples exhibit subsoil characteristics (4 of 6 samples have a SAR > 4). The Reclamation Division also believes that by stockpiling the material in this location, it can later be used as subsoil in the wetland that is to be created when Pond 106 is reclaimed, which is likely to be one of the last reclamation activities to occur in Permit KRSB-8603.

Thanks,

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Notice of Violation 2501 Topsoil Pile Results Response Email

Public Service Commission
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To: Emmer, Jonathan W. <jemmer@nd.gov>; Johnson, Monty L. <moljohnson@nd.gov>

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Jonathan,

Attached are the sample results for the contaminated topsoil removed from the NOV-2501 area. Please let me know how the PSC prefers WMB handle the pile of material. We would like to remove that pile as soon as possible as it is sitting in a regrade package that is ready to be submitted.

Also, I plan to grab samples from the NOV area tomorrow morning.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



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