

Appendix B

North Plains Connector LLC Policies and Commitments Statement

North Plains Connector LLC
Policies and Commitments to Limit Environmental Impact
North Plains Connector Project

North Plains Connector LLC (North Plains) is committed to minimizing environmental impacts associated with the siting, construction, and operation of the North Plains Connector Project (Project). Core to North Plains' development philosophy is early engagement with and integration of stakeholder input in Project routing and design. North Plains engaged with federal, state, Tribal, and local stakeholders early in Project routing, and has continued that engagement throughout Project development. This stakeholder-first approach enabled North Plains to identify sensitive environmental resources and existing land uses early in the routing process and to incorporate feedback on those resources into route selection and Project design. Through an iterative process of data collection, stakeholder engagement, and evaluation, North Plains has developed a route that both meets Project goals, and minimizes potential human and environmental impacts.

North Plains' stakeholder coordination efforts have included developing and implementing a Construction, Mitigation, and Reclamation Plan (CMRP) to describe the construction procedures and mitigation that North Plains will implement during construction to reduce potential impacts related to the Project. The CMRP also describes the restoration and reclamation process that North Plains will implement when construction is complete and long-term vegetation management procedures that North Plains will implement during operations. As outlined in the CMRP, additional plans that are being developed and will be implemented, as appropriate, include:

- Agricultural Impact and Mitigation Plan
- Avian Protection Plan
- Blasting Plan
- Fire Prevention and Suppression Plan
- Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Plan
- Invasive and Noxious Species Management Plan
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act Compliance Plan
- Paleontological Resources Management and Mitigation Plan
- Plan for the Unanticipated Discovery of Contaminated Materials
- Post-Review Discovery Plan for Cultural Resources and Human Remains
- Spill Prevention and Response Plan
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- Traffic and Transportation Management Plan

Collectively, these plans are designed to ensure the Project's compliance with applicable federal, state, and local environmental and land use laws and regulations, as well as North Plains' landowner and other stakeholder commitments to minimize potential Project impacts. These plans, together with North Plains' stakeholder-first approach, demonstrate North Plains' commitment to limiting the human and environmental impacts of the Project.