State of North Dakota

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Mr. Steven J. Durham
Regional Administrator
Region VIII
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1860 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80295

Dear Mr. Durham:

Enclosed is the North Dakota Underground Injection Control program primacy application for Class I, III, IV, and V injection wells. The application contains all the elements required under 40 CFR 123.3 for program approval. These include (1) a complete program description, (2) an Attorney General's statement, (3) a memorandum of agreement between EPA and the State Department of Health, (4) copies of all applicable state statutes and regulations governing underground injections, and (5) a showing of the state's public participation activities.

The state of North Dakota has the statutory authority, the manpower, and the expertise through the North Dakota State Department of Health, the office of the State Geologist, and the State Water Commission to effectively control underground injection activities in order to prevent contamination of underground sources of drinking water.

I hereby request that the state of North Dakota be granted primacy for the control of all Class I, III, IV, and V injection wells in the state of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

ALLEN I. OLSON
Governor

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Enclosure