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Alan Engels, FOIA Coordinator
US EPA, Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Dear FOIA Officer:

While processing a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Mr. Kyle Nelson, dated June 29, 2015, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has located 40 pages of documents that originated in your Agency.

On July 15, 2015, The Fort Peck Agency sent you a referral letter in error; this letter replaces that earlier referral letter.

We have enclosed a Compact Disc containing the 40 pages and a copy of the request. We will notify the requester that he will receive a direct response from your office.

If you have any questions, you may contact Geraldine M. Riddle, FOIA Coordinator by phone at (406) 247-7860, by fax at (406) 247-7990, by e-mail at geraldine.riddle@bia.gov, or by mail at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

Darryl LaCounte

Regional Director

Enclosure (Compact Disc; Request from Mr. Nelson dated 06/29/15)

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Poplar, MT 59255

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Re: UIC Program at Northwest & East Poplar Oil Fields

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, this office requests access to and the ability to make copies (or request copies) of all non-privileged files, documents, letters, reports (including drafts), maps, photographs, data, permits, applications, notices, petitions, orders, forms, or other records relating to or regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Fort Peck Agency Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program for Class II wells in and around the City of Poplar, Montana, and the Northwest and East Poplar Oil Fields near Poplar, Montana. We are asking for records between the years 1940 and the present.

This request includes copies or records reflecting any permits issued, corresponding permit applications, permit conditions, and recordkeeping records set forth in 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.31–.55. This request also includes copies of other records, information, or requirements maintained pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Chapter I, Subchapter D, Part 144, including §§ 144.17, 144.26–.28. This office further requests all EPA Form 7520s submitted to the BIA, Fort Peck Agency from a well owner/operator, the State of Montana, or the EPA, or any EPA Form 7520s submitted by the BIA, Fort Peck Agency to a well owner/operator, the State of Montana or the EPA concerning the locations and time period set forth above.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, please justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act or applicable statute. If there are any deletions, please release all

segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. This office, of course, reserves the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny any waiver of fees. In terms of fees, please let me know whether this request will exceed $500.00.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Kyle W. Nelson

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