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Maria Garduna, PE
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Dear Ms. Garduna:

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is in receipt of your July 18, 2018, letter proposal to convert the former Ben French Ash Monofill to a storage yard as part of Black Hills Energy's West Rapid City Substation project. Generally speaking, the project involves topsoil removal from the closed ash monofill area and the placement of six inches of compacted aggregate and five inches of asphalt. The Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) Section 74:27:13:23 require that DENR grant approval before any closed landfill unit can be disturbed or excavated.

DENR is also in receipt of final construction plans and specifications for Black Hills Energy's West Rapid City Substation Site Development project. The plans and specifications detail site improvements for the substation project to include disruption of the closed ash monofill area to facilitate construction of the storage yard.

We have reviewed and approve your proposal to disturb the closed ash monofill for the purpose of constructing a storage yard by placing compacted aggregate and asphalt over the closed ash monofill. We have also reviewed and hereby approve the plans and specifications for the above described project. Please be aware that our approval of the plans and specifications only relates to the conversion of the closed ash monofill area to a storage yard. I consulted with staff from other DENR programs, and no other DENR approvals are necessary for your plans and specifications.

Good luck with your project, and please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have questions about this approval.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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