

## Appendix B: Tribal Coordination

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May 31, 2024

Matthew Tselee  
Chairman  
PO Box 1330, Anadarko 73005

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

Dear Matthew Tselee:

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Sincerely,



Brent Moeller, P.E.  
MRES, Director of Generation Resources

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Max Bear  
THPO  
700 Black Kettle Blvd, Concho 73022

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

Dear Max Bear:

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Reggie Wassana  
Governor  
100 Red Moon Circle, Concho 73022

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Garrie Kills-A-Hundred  
THPO  
P.O. Box 283, Flandreau 57028

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

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Anthony Reider  
Chairperson  
603 West Broad Avenue, Flandreau 57028

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

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Michael Blackwolf  
THPO  
656 Agency Main Street, Harlem 59526

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

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Jeffery (Jeff) Stiffarm  
President  
656 Agency Main Street, Harlem 59526

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

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Robert Larsen  
President  
39527 Reservation Highway 1, Morton 56270

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Cheyenne St. John  
THPO  
P.O. Box 308, 39527 Res.Hwy. 1, Morton 56270

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Johnny Johnson  
President  
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road, Welch 55089

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THPO  
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road, Welch 55089

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Roger Trudell  
Chairman  
108 Spirit Lake Avenue West, Niobrara 68760-7219

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Misty Frazier  
THPO  
425 Frazier Ave. N. Suite 2, Niobrara 68760

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May 31, 2024

Kenneth Graywater  
Interim Director THPO  
P.O. Box 198, Fort Totten 58335

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

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Chair  
PO Box 359, Fort Totten 58335

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Kevin Jensvold  
Chairman  
5722 Travers Lane, Granite Falls 56241

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Samantha Odegard  
THPO  
P.O. Box 147, 5722 Travers Lane, Granite Falls 56241

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Ryman LeBeau  
Chair  
PO Box 590, Eagle Butte 57625

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THPO  
PO Box 590, Eagle Butte 57625

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May 31, 2024

Peter Lengkeek  
Chair  
PO Box 50, Ft. Thompson 57339

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THPO  
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Clyde Estes  
Chair  
PO Box 187, Lower Brule 57548

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## Tribal Coordination

Energy Conversion Facility Public Utilities  
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TORONTO  
POWER PLANT

May 31, 2024

Frank Star Comes Out  
President  
PO Box 2070, Pine Ridge 57770

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Justin Pourier  
THPO  
PO Box 320, Pine Ridge 57770

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J. Garret Renville  
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May 31, 2024

Dianne Desrosiers  
THPO  
PO Box 907, Agency Village 57262**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

Dear Dianne Desrosiers:

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Janet Alkire  
Chair  
Tribe PO Box D 1 Standing Rock Ave, Fort Yates 58538

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

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Jon Eagle  
THPO  
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Robert Flying Hawk  
Chair  
PO Box 1153, Wagner 57380

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THPO  
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May 31, 2024

Tim Rhodd  
Chair  
3345 B Thrasher Road, White Cloud 66094

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Lance Foster  
THPO  
3345 B Thrasher Road, White Cloud 66094

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Timothy Davis  
Chair  
PO Box 850, Browning 59417

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Alvin Not Afraid, Jr.  
Chair  
PO Box 159, Crow Agency 59022

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Floyd Azure  
Chair  
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May 31, 2024

Donna Marie Fisher  
Tribal President  
PO Box 128, Lame Deer 59043

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

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Teanna Limpy  
THPO  
PO Box 128, Lame Deer 59043

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May 31, 2024

Everett Baxter Jr  
Chair  
PO Box 368, Macy 68039

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THPO  
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Larry Wright Jr.  
Chair  
PO Box 288, Niobrara 68760

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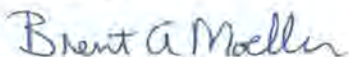
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May 31, 2024

Theresa Foley  
THPO  
5701 S 85th Circle, Omaha 68127

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

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May 31, 2024

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Chair  
PO Box 687, Winnebago 68701

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THPO  
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Mark Fox  
Chair  
404 Frontage Road, New Town 58763

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Jamie Azure  
Chair  
PO Box 900, Blecourt 57316

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Walter Echo-Hawk  
President  
PO Box 470, Pawnee 74058

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Sincerely,



Brent Moeller, P.E.  
MRES, Director of Generation Resources

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May 31, 2024

Matt Reed  
THPO  
PO Box 470, Pawnee 74058

**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

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May 31, 2024

Vernon Hill  
Chair  
PO Box 538, Fort Washakie 82514

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Lee Spoonhunter  
Chair  
PO Box 396, Fort Washakie 82514

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Ben Ridgley  
THPO  
PO Box 676, St. Stephens 82524**Re: Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant**

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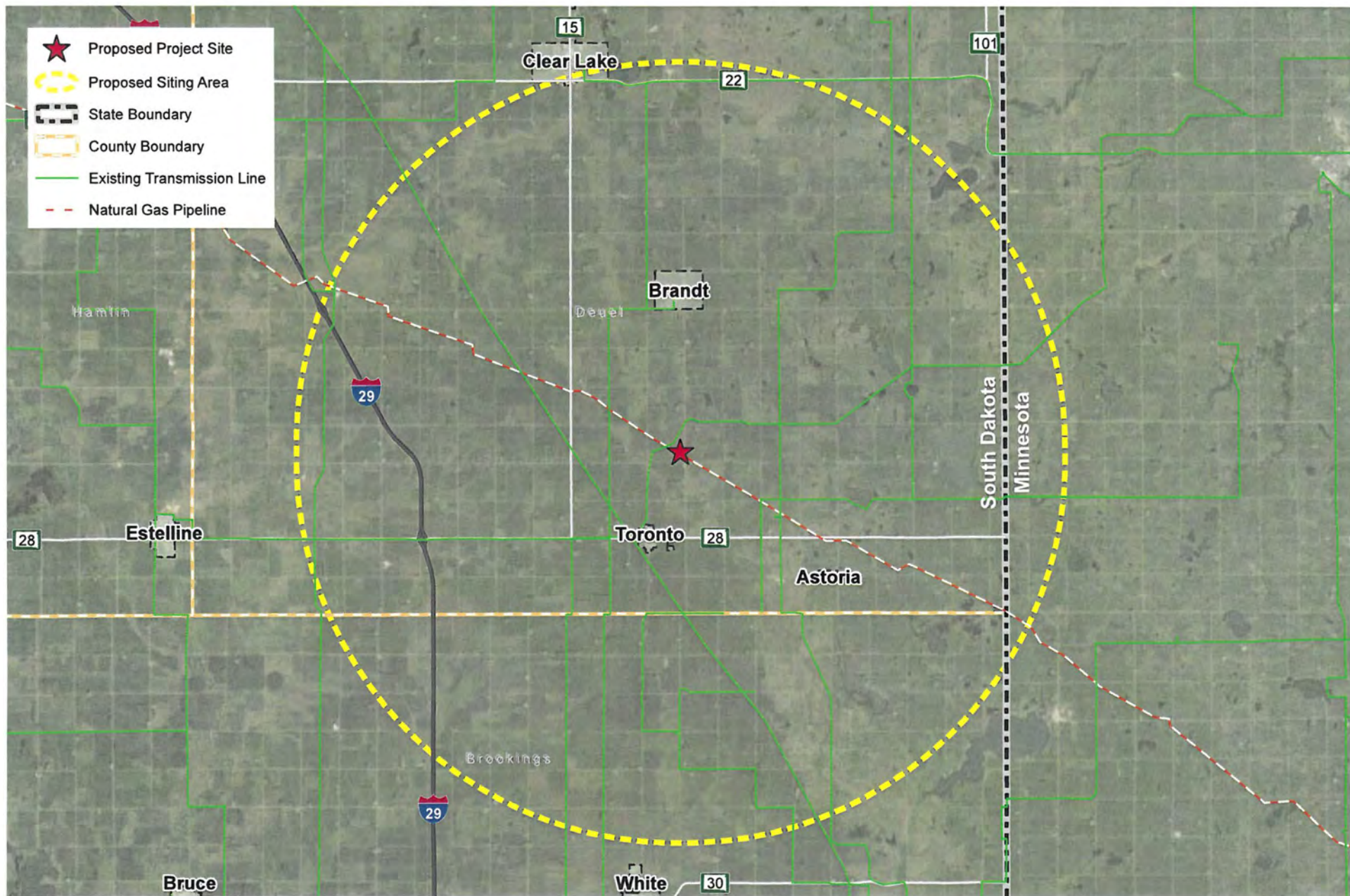
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## Flandreau Santee Tribe Email Response on June 8, 2024, to Initial Coordination Letter

**From:** Sara Childers <[sara.childers@fsst-nsn.gov](mailto:sara.childers@fsst-nsn.gov)>

**Sent:** Saturday, June 8, 2024 7:37 PM

**To:** Brent Moeller <[Brent.Moeller@mrenergy.com](mailto:Brent.Moeller@mrenergy.com)>

**Subject:** Proposed Power Plant Toronto SD

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Hello,

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe would like to consult on this proposed project. We have significant history in the Toronto Area. Please send all studies that have been done for this project.

Thank you very much.

Sara Childers THPO Assistant



**Sara Childers**

Tribal Historic Preservation Assistant

p. 605.997.3891 x1226

**Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe**

[www.fsst-nsn.gov](http://www.fsst-nsn.gov)

## MRES Email Response on June 12, 2024

**From:** Brent Moeller

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 11:37 AM

**To:** Sara Childers <[sara.childers@fsst-nsn.gov](mailto:sara.childers@fsst-nsn.gov)>

**Cc:** Baker, Becky <[Rebecca.Baker@hdrinc.com](mailto:Rebecca.Baker@hdrinc.com)>; Andy Ungerman - Stanley

([UngermanAndy@stanleygroup.com](mailto:UngermanAndy@stanleygroup.com)) <[UngermanAndy@stanleygroup.com](mailto:UngermanAndy@stanleygroup.com)>; Derek Bertsch <[derek.bertsch@mrenergy.com](mailto:derek.bertsch@mrenergy.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Proposed Power Plant Toronto SD

Sara,

A desktop review was completed in December 2023 to identify if any National Register Historic Places (NRHP) sites are present within 0.5-mile radius of the project, please see a clip below of the findings and the attached map.



## 5.5 Cultural Resources

### 5.5.1 Findings

A cultural resources desktop review was conducted to identify documented historic sites within or near the Project Area. According to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), previously recorded historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects deemed worthy of preservation are not located within the project area or the 0.5-mile records search area (Figure 5). However, the Project Area has not been previously surveyed for historical resources and therefore undocumented historical resources may exist.

A records search through the State Archeological Research Center (SARC) will be completed for the proposed power plant site during the completion of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) permit application. The permit application is anticipated to be sent to PUC in December of this year. Since we are in the initial stages of the project, we have not completed this record search yet and will be completing that soon. We can share those results with you once we have that completed for your review and any input your Tribe may have for the project. This information will be sent to the SHPO as well for their review of the project. As noted, we believe the site has not been previously surveyed for historical resources and there is a chance that undocumented historical resources may exist. We would be interested if you are aware of any resources in the project area and where they are located. We appreciate your time and consideration of this project.

Regards,

Brent A. Moeller, P.E.  
Director of Generation Resources  
Missouri River Energy Services  
PO Box 88920  
Sioux Falls, SD 57109-8920  
Phone 605-330-6969  
Mobile 605-254-4076

## Northern Arapaho Email Response on June 19, 2024, to Initial Tribal Coordination



***Hinono'ieinino'***  
Northern Arapaho Tribe  
TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
P.O. Box 67 - St. Stephens, Wyoming 82524  
PH: 307.856.1628 FX: 307.856.1974



Date: 6/19/24

Contact Name: Brent Moeller

Contact Phone: 763-278-5928

Email Address: brent.moeller@mrengery.com

Company Name: Toronto Power Plant

Company Address: 3724 West Avera Drive P.O.Box 88920

City: Sioux Falls

State: SD

Zip Code: 57109-8920

**RE: *Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant***

Dear Sir or Madam:

After reviewing your request under the Section 106 process of the NHPA, and NEPA, our office would like to comment on the proposed project. The Northern Arapaho Tribal Historic Preservation Office makes the following determination:

***Defer to local THPO/Cultural Resource Office***

Site Visit: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Monitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Our office has come to this determination by drawing conclusions from the survey and file search from maps depicting the provenience of sites regarding the Direct and Visual APE.

Within the Area of Potential Effect, there are:

Cultural Resources: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligible Historic Properties: \_\_\_\_\_

Probability of properties of religious and cultural significance to the Northern Arapaho: HIGH

If traditional cultural properties, rock features, or human remains are found during excavation with any new ground disturbance, we request to be contacted and a report provided.

Thank you for consulting with the Northern Arapaho THPO.

Sincerely,

Crystal C'Bearing

THPO Director





crystal.cbearing@northernarapaho.com

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


## Cultural Resources Survey Coordination Email on November 19, 2024

Archaeological Survey near Toronto, SD

 **Phyllis Johnson** <psjohnson@augie.edu>  
To:  Sara Childers;  crystal.cbearing@northernarapaho.com  
Cc:  Baker, Becky

Tue 11/19/2024 9:22 AM

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Good morning, Sara and Crystal,

We are working with HDR and Missouri River Energy Services to complete an archaeological survey in support of a proposed power plant near Toronto, SD. You both had indicated that you would like to consult on this project. We plan to complete the fieldwork on Thursday and Friday of this week, weather permitting. If either of you would like to join us in the field, you are more than welcome. Please see the message from HDR below regarding fieldwork this week, and let us know how you'd like to proceed.

Thanks again!

**Phyllis**

We appreciate your response to our coordination letter previously sent to you. We are currently working on the draft PUC Application and plan to submit in early 2025. We also have been coordinating with the SD State Preservation Office (SHPO) office and through that coordination determined a pedestrian archeological survey is needed. We have contracted with Augustana Archeological Laboratory to complete the survey. We apologize for the short notice, but we will be completing that survey this week in hopes of getting out before the field season is complete. If you are interested in joining the survey team, please let us know. We will provide you the report for your consideration upon completion.

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**Phyllis S. Johnson, Ph.D.**  
Director, Archaeology Lab  
Augustana University  
2001 S. Summit Ave. | Sioux Falls, SD 57197  
605 274 5494 (W)

## **Flandreau Santee Tribe Report on November 25, 2024**

Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Missouri River Energy Services

3724 W Avera Dr

Sioux Falls, SD

57109-8920

Mr. Brent Moeller

Re: Tribal Cultural Survey Toronto SD Proposed Power Plant

On Nov 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> our Tribal Cultural Surveyor performed a Tribal Cultural Survey for the proposed Power Plant.



**We found no cultural material and or human remains in this area that would be affected by the proposed power plant project. At this time no historic properties were identified by us in this area.**

Report completed by Sara Childers FSST THPO Assistant



## Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines

**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [matthew.tselee@apachetribe.org](mailto:matthew.tselee@apachetribe.org)  
**Cc:** [Schmidt, Dan](#); [Baker, Becky](#)  
**Subject:** Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant  
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## **Blackfeet Tribe, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines**

**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [jmflysdown@gmail.com](mailto:jmflysdown@gmail.com)  
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Director of Generation Resources

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## Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines

**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [mbear](#); [rwassana@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:rwassana@c-a-tribes.org)  
**Cc:** [Schmidt, Dan](#); [Baker, Becky](#)  
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**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [steve.vance@crstmail.com](mailto:steve.vance@crstmail.com)  
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## Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Email Response to May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email

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**To:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**Cc:** [Schmidt, Dan](#); [Baker, Becky](#)  
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Brent,

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Will USDA or PUC be notified?

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Regards,  
Brent Moeller

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**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
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**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [wlarge@easternshoshone.org](mailto:wlarge@easternshoshone.org); [jmann@easternshoshone.org](mailto:jmann@easternshoshone.org)  
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## **Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines**

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**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [mblackwolf](#); [jeffery.stiffarm](#)  
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## **Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines**

**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [lfoster@iowas.org](mailto:lfoster@iowas.org)  
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**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [robert.larsen](#); [cheyanne.stjohn](#)  
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**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [Crystal C"Beating](#)  
**Cc:** [Schmidt, Dan](#); [Baker, Becky](#)  
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**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [teanna.limpy@cheyennenation.com](mailto:teanna.limpy@cheyennenation.com)  
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## **Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines**

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## Prairie Island Indian Community, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines

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## Santee Sioux Nation, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines

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## Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines

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## Spirit Lake Tribe, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines

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## Three Affiliated Tribes, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines

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## **Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, May 2025 Tribal Coordination Email for Proposed Change to Combustion Turbines**

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**To:** [info@tmbci.org](mailto:info@tmbci.org); [larus.longie@tmbci.org](mailto:larus.longie@tmbci.org)  
**Cc:** [Schmidt, Dan](#); [Baker, Becky](#)  
**Subject:** Request for Input for the Proposed Toronto Power Plant  
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**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [Baker, Becky](#)  
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**From:** Larus Longie <larus.longie@tmbci.org>  
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TMBCI THPO office concur with the decision of the FST. Larus Longie THPO

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**From:** [Brent Moeller](#)  
**To:** [kevinj](#); [Samantha Odegard](#)  
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