
FILE: 6-297(014)000; PCN 24115 ND 297 (Demers Avenue) & 42nd Street Grade Separation

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Subject: Approval of Soil Reuse

Dear Mr. Dahl:

This letter is in response to the request for reuse of the soil from the Demers Project which will encompass the intersection of 42nd Street South and Demers Avenue in Grand Forks, ND. A Phase II Environmental Assessment was conducted of the project area which indicated soil analytical values above Residential Tier I Risk Based Corrective Action (RBCA) standards for soils protective of groundwater for lead, benzene, dichloromethane, naphthalene, arsenic, barium, and cadmium.

The request is to reuse the soil that is above the RBCA standards for arsenic, barium, and cadmium from the project at the Ray Richards Golf Course. The Ray Richards Golf Course is located at 3501 Demers Ave in Grand Forks, ND which is approximately 1,000 feet southwest of the project. Due to the proximity and similar soil characteristics, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) approves of the reuse of only the arsenic, barium, and cadmium impacted soil at the Ray Richards Golf Course in non-wetlands and non-waterways (ex. English Coulee). However, should you want to reuse the soil to fill in any wetlands or other waterways (ex. English Coulee), a separate request must be submitted to the Department's Special Projects Program for § 401 Clean Water Certification and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for review and approval as they must meet Water Quality Standards for waters of the state. Information regarding the requirements and process for § 401 Clean Water Certification for the state of North Dakota can be found at https://deq.nd.gov/WQ/5_Special_Projects/default.aspx.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Robin Beyer at rbeyer@nd.gov or at 701-328-5149; or Diana Trussell at dtrussell@nd.gov or 701-328-5164. Should you have any

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questions about the water quality standards for wetlands please contact Tate Libunao at Tlibunao@nd.gov.

Sincerely,



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