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Kerry Guy
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Re: Potential CERCLA Removal Action at the Combined Marty Indian School Asbestos Site,
and the Marty Dump Site, Charles Mix County, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Guy,

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) is sending this letter to express support for the proposed removal action at Marty, South Dakota.

As you know, the two abandoned buildings located on the former Marty School Campus have significantly deteriorated allowing the release of asbestos and lead paint, creating a risk to trespassers and citizens living in the area. Without EPA Removal assistance to demolish and dispose of these contaminated structures, further risk to human health and the environment will occur. The proposed disposal site for these contaminated buildings will be at an unregulated dump site. The dump site also poses a threat to human health and the environment that will be eliminated as part of the project. SD DANR supports any assistance US EPA can provide to address this problem and reduce further impacts to human health and the environment.

Please contact Jim Wendte or Trish Kindt of my staff at 605.773.3296 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Hunter Roberts
Cabinet Secretary

cc Danielle Zephier, Environmental Director, Yankton Sioux Tribe
Marty McComb, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Jim Wendte, DANR, Waste Management Program
Trish Kindt, DANR, Inspection, Compliance & Remediation Program