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North Dakota Port Services  
Greg Johnson, CEO  
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**Re: Wetlands and Soil Conditions  
Port of North Dakota Site**

Dear Greg:

The intent of this letter is to provide information related to wetlands and soils at the Port of North Dakota site in northeast Minot.

**Wetland, Stream and Floodplain Data**

A wetland delineation report was completed for the project site and is enclosed for your use. This report delineates all wetlands on the site. Subsequent to the delineation, a request for a Jurisdictional Determination was made to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regulatory Office in Bismarck to identify which wetlands, if any, are considered Waters of the US which would require permitting through the USACE prior to filling or draining the wetlands. The Jurisdictional Determination is also enclosed for your use. The Jurisdictional Determination from the USACE Regulatory Office states that the wetlands on site are not jurisdictional, therefore a Section 404 permit would not be required to fill or drain these wetlands.

**Geotechnical Investigations**

Geotechnical investigations and reports have been developed for several areas on the Port of North Dakota site. From a soils and subsurface perspective, the site is believed to be capable of supporting industrial uses as proposed. The Report of Geotechnical Exploration for the southwest portion of the Port of North Dakota site is enclosed for your use.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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President / CEO