



GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION COMPLETION REPORT - FORM GE 6A

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA
OIL AND GAS DIVISION
600 EAST BOULEVARD DEPT 405
BISMARCK, ND 58505-0840
SFN 51456 (03-2011)

Permit No. 970323	
Shot Hole Operations	*Non-Explosive Operations Passive Recording

SECTION 1

Geophysical Contractor University of North Dakota EERC	
Project Name and Number Basin Electric Research Project - Passive Seismic	County(s) Mercer
Township(s) 145N	Range(s) 88W
Drilling and Plugging Contractors n/a	
Date Commenced December 8, 2023	Date Completed January 7, 2024

SECTION 2

First S.P. #													Last S.P. #
Loaded Holes (Undetonated Shot Points)													
S.P.#'s													
Charge Size													
Depth													
Reasons Holes Were Not Shot													

SECTION 3

Flowing Holes and/or Blowouts S.P.#'s
Procedure for Plugging Flowing Holes and/or Blowouts
Include a 7.5 minute USGS topographic quadrangle map or a computer generated post-plot facsimile of the approximate scale displaying each individual shot hole, SP #, line #, and legal location.

*Non-Explosive Operations - Complete Section 1 and Affidavit (Form GE 6B).



GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLETION REPORT - FORM GE 6B

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PERMIT NAME (Required): Basin Electric Research Project - Passive Seismic

PERMIT NUMBER: 970323

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLETION (GEOPHYSICAL CONTRACTOR)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)

COUNTY OF GRAND FORKS)

Before me, Kellie Ebertowski, a Notary Public in and for the said

County and State, this day personally appeared Brian Kalk

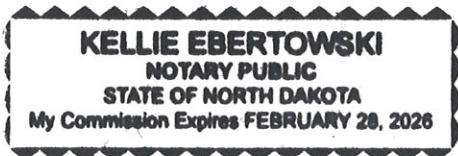
who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that (s)he is employed by the University of North Dakota

Energy & Environmental Research Center, that (s)he has read North Dakota

Century Code Section 38-08.1, that the foregoing seismic project has been completed in accordance with North Dakota Administrative Code Rule 43-02-12 and that the statements on the reverse side of this document are true.

Geophysical Contractor Representative

Subscribed in my presence and sworn before me this 23rd day of August, 2024.



Notary Public Kellie Ebertowski

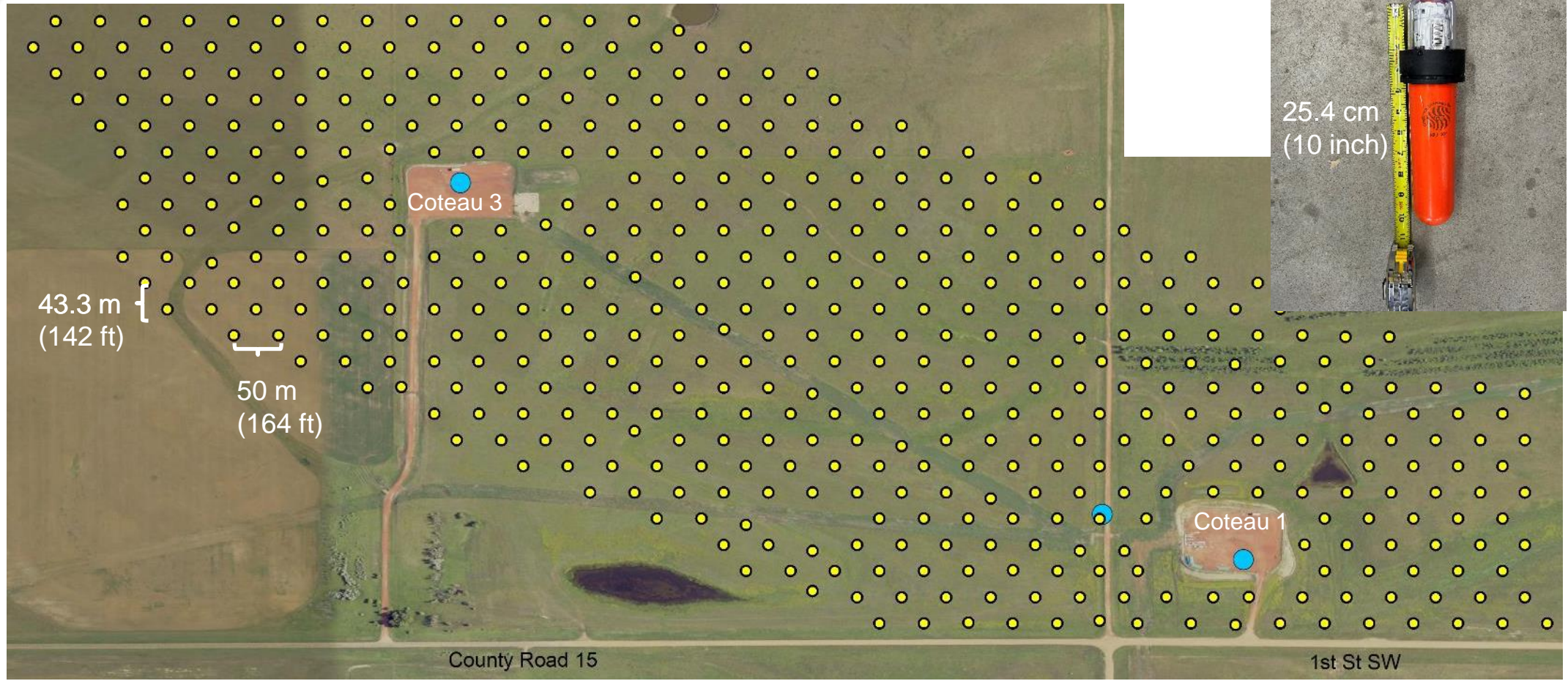
My Commission Expires 2/28/2026

BASELINE PASSIVE SEISMIC SURVEY

- Baseline seismic survey:
 - 495 sensors deployed from December 8th, 2023 to January 7th, 2024.
 - Recorded 10 hours per day (8:00 pm to 6:00 am)



BASELINE PASSIVE SEISMIC SURVEY



MAIN STEPS OF MONITORING PASSIVE SEISMIC SURVEY

Surveying



Drilling



Deployment





November 24, 2023

Trevor Richards
Assistant Director-Geophysics
UND-Energy & Environmental Research Center
15 N. 23rd Street, Stop 9018
Grand Forks, ND 58202-9018

RE: BASIN ELECTRIC RESEARCH PROJECT-PASSIVE SEISMIC
GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT #97-0323
MERCER COUNTY
NON-EXPLOSIVE METHODS

Dear Mr. Richards:

Be advised that your Geophysical Exploration permit is conditionally approved; effective for one year from November 24, 2023.

PERMIT STIPULATIONS:

- Pursuant to NDAC 43-02-12-05 (DISTANCE RESTRICTION) Non-explosive exploration methods may not be conducted less than 300 feet from water wells, buildings, underground cisterns, pipelines, and flowing springs.
- In addition, pursuant to NDAC 43-02-12-06 (NOTIFICATION OF WORK PERFORMED), “The director is authorized to suspend operations of the entire geophysical project, or any portion thereof, if further activity will cause excessive damage to the surface of the land”.

Review the following conditions for your permit:

1. A pre-program meeting with state seismic inspector Tom Torstenson is required. You must contact him at 701-290-1546 (cell) or 701-227-7436 at least 24 hours prior to any exploration operations. Also, a copy of the entire permit is required for all contractors at the pre-program meeting.
2. All variances for distance restrictions are to be furnished, and a pre-plot map displaying any source points that do not comply with the distance restriction rule must be supplied to the inspector.
3. The following information must be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the project by the Geophysical Company:
 - a. Completion Report,

- b. Completion Affidavit,
 - c. Post Plot Map. It must show all water wells, buildings, underground cisterns, pipelines, and flowing springs that fall within the program area and within one half mile of the perimeter of the program.
 - d. Must provide a GIS layer using NAD83 in an Esri shape file format and an Image file (.img) on a Flash Drive or email: ttorstenson@nd.gov with all source and receiver points,
4. The permit agent shall notify the operator of the land at least seven days before commencement of any geophysical exploration activity, unless waived by mutual agreement of both parties. The notice must include the approximate time schedule and the location of the planned activity.
 5. Information regarding the location of water wells, springs, etc.; refer to the following ND State Water Commission Mapservice website, at: <http://mapservice.swc.state.nd.us/>
 6. The entire permit can be viewed, as well as the status of various seismic projects in the state, at: <https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/seismic/seismicstats.asp>

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact me at 701-328-8020, or Tom Torstenson at the number listed in paragraph 1.

Sincerely,



Todd L. Holweger
Permit Manager/Geophysical Supervisor



GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT - FORM GE 1

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA
OIL AND GAS DIVISION
600 EAST BOULEVARD DEPT 405
BISMARCK, ND 58505-0840
SFN 51469 (03-2011)

Received

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ND Oil & Gas
Division

1) a. Company University of North Dakota EERC		Address 15 N 23rd St, Stop 9018, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9018			
Contact Trevor Richards		Telephone (701) 777-5052		Fax	
Surety Company Bank of North Dakota		Bond Amount \$25,000		Bond Number GEO 308	
2) a. Subcontractor(s)		Address		Telephone	
b. Subcontractor(s)		Address		Telephone	
3) Party Manager César Barajas-Olalde		Address (local) Same as above		Telephone (local) (701) 777-5414	
4) Project Name or Line Numbers Basin Electric Research Project - Passive Seismic					
5) Exploration Method (Shot Hole, Non-Explosive, 2D, 3D, Other) passive seismic nodes					
6) Distance Restrictions (Must check all that apply)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 300 feet - NonExplosive - Distance setbacks apply to water wells, buildings, underground cisterns, pipelines, and flowing springs.					
<input type="checkbox"/> 660 feet - Shot Hole - Distance setbacks apply to water wells, buildings, underground cisterns, pipelines, and flowing springs.					
7) Size of Hole 3-D n/a		Amt of Charge n/a	Depth n/a	Source points per sq. mi. n/a	No. of sq. mi. 1
Size of Hole 2-D		Amt of Charge	Depth	Source points per ln. mi.	No. of ln. mi.
8) Approximate Start Date December 11, 2023				Approximate Completion Date January 30, 2024	

THE COMMISSION MUST BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF COMMENCEMENT OF GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS

9) Location of Proposed Project - County Mercer County						
Section(s), Township(s) & Range(s)	Section	1, 2, 3	T.	145N	R.	88W
	Section		T.		R.	
	Section		T.		R.	
	Section		T.		R.	
	Section		T.		R.	
	Section		T.		R.	

I hereby swear or affirm that the information provided is true, complete and correct as determined from all available records. Date **10/23/2023**

Signature 	Printed Name Trevor Richards	Title Assistant Director - Geophysics
Email Address(es) trichards@underc.org		

(This space for State office use)		<p align="center">Permit Conditions</p> <p>* Permit in hand required at pre-program meeting with field inspector and be aware of all NDIC Rules and Regulations (i.e. distance restrictions).</p> <p>* See attached letter.</p>
Permit No. 97-0323	Approval Date 11/24/23	
Approved by 		
Title Mineral Resources Permit Manager		

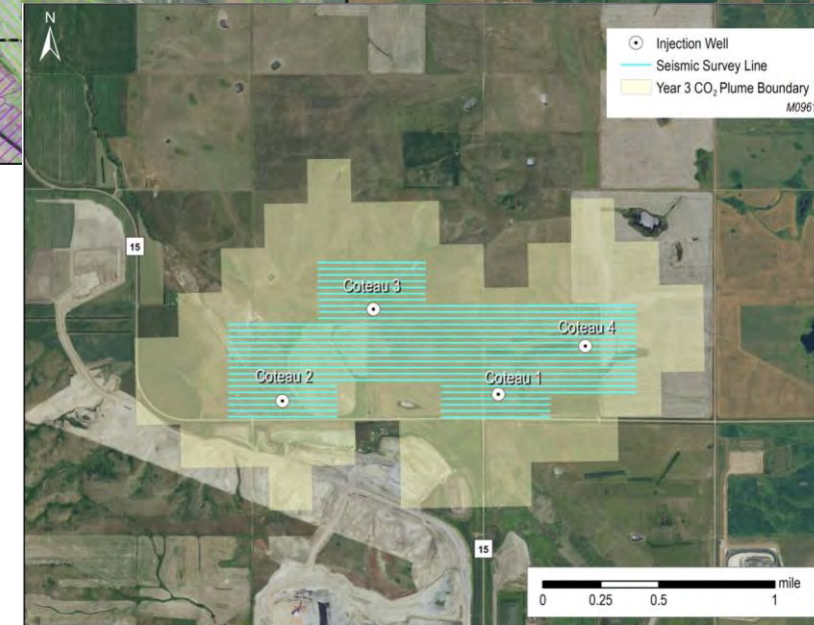
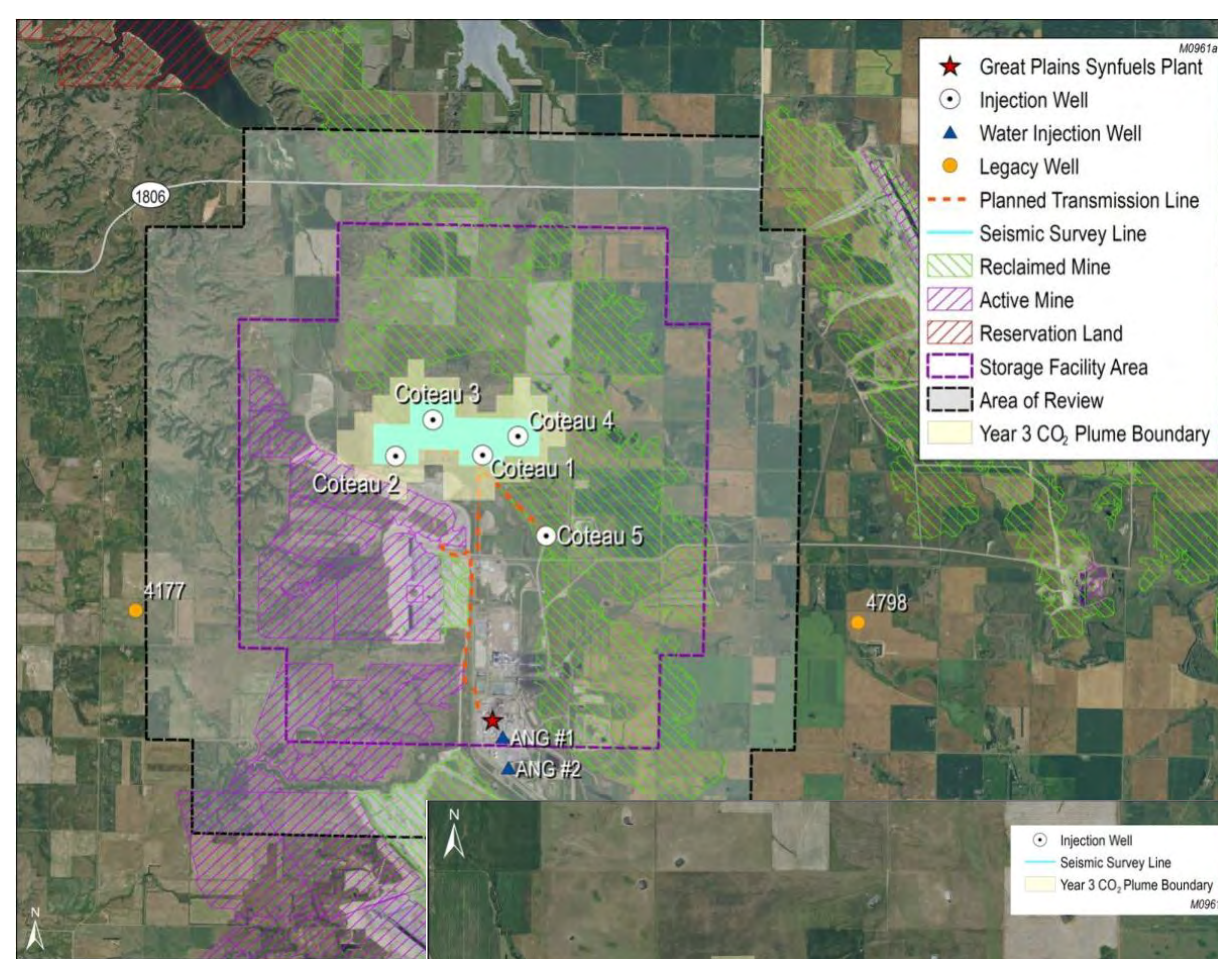
*See Instructions On Reverse Side

Passive Seismic

- EERC field crew of 8-10
- Deploy ~500 seismic nodes October 16-20
- Record for 30 days
- Complete equipment pick up by November 17

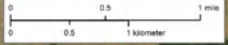
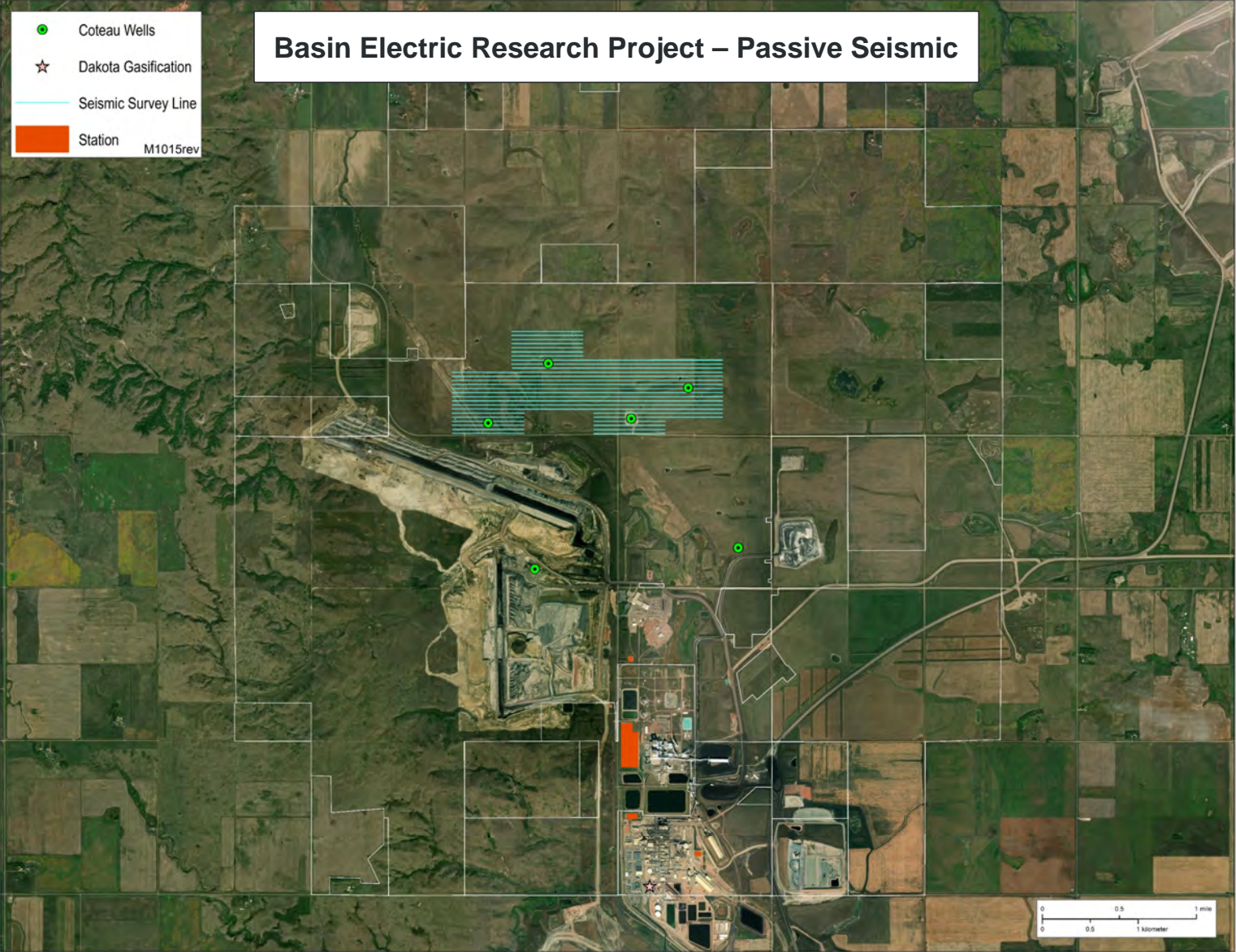


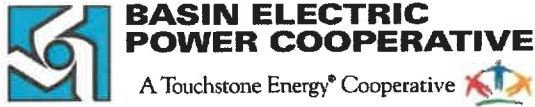
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Basin Electric Research Project – Passive Seismic

- Coteau Wells
- ★ Dakota Gasification
- Seismic Survey Line
- Station M1015rev





October 31, 2023

Mr. Todd Holweger
Permit Manager/Geophysical Supervisor
ND Industrial Commission Oil & Gas Division
600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept 405
Bismarck ND 58505

Subject: Geophysical Exploration Permit & Affidavit

Dear Mr. Holweger:

Please accept this letter as an affidavit of compliance for University of North Dakota EERC's proposed geophysical activities.

We look forward to working with you further with regard to this proposed geophysical project. Please contact me with any questions by phone at 701.557.5454 or by email at mmurray@bepc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Murray".

Mike Murray, SR/WA, RW-NAC
Directory of Property & Right of Way

Enclosure



North Dakota Industrial Commission Department of Mineral Resources Oil & Gas Division

FORM GE 1 FILING AUTHORIZATION

COMPANY NAME: University of North Dakota - EERC

ADDRESS: 15 North 23rd Street, Stop 9018

CITY: Grand Forks STATE: ND ZIP: 58202-9018

This form authorizes the person(s) listed below to submit a NDIC Geophysical Exploration Permit – Form GE 1 for approval on behalf of the designated company as listed above.

A new authorization will be required if any changes are to be made to the authorized individuals on the form.

The data submitted from the authorized individuals listed below have been checked and conform to the standards and procedures set forth by the NDIC Department of Mineral Resources.

The authorized individual(s) will ensure that the company, as listed above, and party manager receive a copy of the approved Form GE 1

<u>Authorized Individuals</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>E-Mail Address</u>
Mike Murray	701-557-5454	mmurray@bepc.com

Company Authorized Signature: *Tobe Larson* Date: 10/12/2023

Printed Name: Tobe Larson Title: Assistant Dir. of Contracts & IP

Phone: 701-777-5271 Email Address: tlarson@undeerc.org

Witness Signature: *Kellie Ebertowski* Date: 10/12/2023

Witness Printed Name: Kellie Ebertowski



Trevor Richards
Assistant Director for Geophysics

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701-777-5052 (office)

214-557-6282 (mobile)

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701.777.5000 (phone)

701.777.5181 (fax)

A wide-angle photograph of a university campus at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. In the foreground, there are large trees with yellowing leaves. In the background, there are several large, multi-story brick buildings and a parking lot filled with cars.

THANK YOU

Critical Challenges. Practical Solutions.



November 24, 2023

The Honorable Carmen Reed
Mercer County Auditor
P.O. Box 39
Stanton, ND 58571-0039

RE: Geophysical Exploration
Permit #97-0323

Dear Ms. Reed:

Pursuant to Section 38-08.1-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, please be advised that the University of North Dakota Energy & Environmental Research Center was issued the above captioned permit on November 24, 2023, and will remain in effect for a period of one year. The entire permit can be viewed on our website at: <https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/seismic/seismicstats.asp>

Should you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd L. Holweger".

Todd L. Holweger
Permit Manager/Geophysical Supervisor