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Subject: Certification Letter – Primary Roads

To the Reviewing Agency:

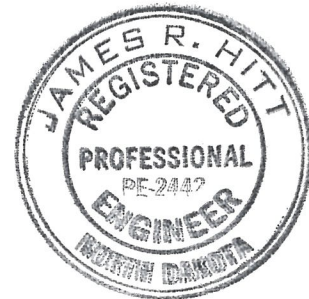
I have reviewed and hereby certify the information and design drawings for primary roads that are contained with the transportation operation plan for the South Heart Lignite Mine, which were prepared by myself or under my direction, for the purpose of filing the original South Heart Lignite Mine Permit. I further certify that the primary road plans meet the requirements of Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code and were developed using current and prudent engineering practices and procedures and the applicable design requirements established by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Yours sincerely

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