



February 8, 2016

Industrial Commission of North Dakota
Attn: Karlene Fine and Brent Brannan
State Capitol 14th Floor
600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 405
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

RE: Contract No. G-031-061 Monthly Report for February 1, 2016

Dear Karlene and Brent:

Please find a summary of project progress, below.

The Energy Curriculum Project continues to work with the State Historical Society of North Dakota to develop smartboard lesson plans for teachers. We've had stakeholder meetings with the Lignite Energy Council and the North Dakota Petroleum Council to get their feedback on key topics that should be covered in the lessons. In addition, the industry contacts were able to point Ms. Carlson to existing resources that would enhance and supplement the smartboard lessons. I met with the SHSND to debrief the preliminary drafts of the smartboard lessons and was impressed with the variety and breadth of the topics included and have advised them to continue on their current path.

During this debrief, we also discussed some challenges we are facing in the development of the activity kits. Our goal with the kits is to not put any additional onus on teachers with supplies or materials to supplement hands-on activities for students and, on the other hand, not have to maintain a supply of consumables. That has created some challenges in making hands-on kits that will stay within budget, be easily transportable and sustainable. We continue to visit on this topic to see if there is another gap that we could address or be better suited to provide additional outreach to teachers on the new materials instead.

The two-week lesson plan packages have been completed and loaded onto flash drives that will be mailed out mid-February to all North Dakota Studies teachers, along with the *ENERGY: Powered by North Dakota* booklet and a letter from North Dakota Studies coordinator and myself.



Please accept this letter as my monthly report for Feb. 1, 2016. If you'd like additional information on the project or clarification, please contact me at 701-224-2410 or emily.mckay@bismarckstate.edu. Thank you for your time!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Emily McKay'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light gray rectangular background.

Emily McKay, Principal Investigator and Project Manager
Energy Curriculum Project