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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Pilot Program to Determine Best Techniques for Remediating Contaminates from Soil Surrounding Legacy (1951-1984) Waste Pits in North Central North Dakota (Section 9 of House Bill No. 1358 – 2015 Legislative Session)

Purpose

The Industrial Commission is requesting proposals from North Dakota research facilities to conduct a pilot program to determine the best techniques for remediating salt and any other contamination from the soil surrounding legacy (1951-1984) waste pits in north central North Dakota reclaimed by trenching.

Background

The following work has been identified as being useful for this pilot program:

The North Dakota Petroleum Council Salt Water Remediation Task Force work should be considered in this pilot program. Kari Cutting, Vice President of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, is the contact person for this information.

The Health Department has been developing guidelines that should be included in this pilot program. The proposed guidelines are expected to be available by July 1, 2015. Carl Rockenman at the North Dakota Health Department is the contact person for these guidelines.

The University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC) in conjunction with North Dakota State University has been identifying some best practices as part of the ongoing Bakken Optimization Project and that information would be beneficial to this pilot program. John Harju at the EERC is the contact person for this information.

Excerpt from House Bill 1358: Section 9. The industrial commission shall use \$500,000 for the purpose of conducting a pilot program in conjunction with research facilities in this state to determine the best techniques for remediating salt and any other contamination from the soil surrounding waste pits reclaimed by trenching between 1951 and 1984 in the north central portion of this state.

Proposal Requirements

- Identified techniques should be utilized for at least one growing season.
- Research facility should consult with the Department of Mineral Resources and Northwest Landowners on site selection.
- Final report should include a list of best practices.
- Final report should include a long term management/monitoring plan for the Department of Mineral Resources - Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Plugging and Site Reclamation Fund oversight.
- Final report must be provided to the Industrial Commission by **November 1, 2016**. At a minimum one presentation may be required to the Industrial Commission with possible presentations to legislative committees and Oil and Gas Research Council. Results may also be posted on the Commission or Department of Mineral Resources websites.

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Proposal Timeline

Proposals are due July 31, 2015 and must be delivered in electronic format to kfine@nd.gov. Additionally, five copies must be submitted in paper format to:

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