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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

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Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I write with regards to the Environmental Protection Agency's reconsideration of North Dakota's best available retrofit technology as it relates to nitrogen oxides controls for Great River Energy's Coal Creek Station coal-fired power plant. As you move forward, please keep in mind that these decisions have potential consequences not only for the residents of North Dakota, but for Minnesotans as well.

I support the goal of the Clean Air Act to protect human health and the environment. According to Great River Energy, Coal Creek Station has not only met, but has gone below EPA's presumptive NOx limit with investment in clean technologies. It is unclear whether the effectiveness of selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) technology to reduce regional haze justifies the cost. The cost would likely be directly passed on to Minnesota consumers in their electric bills.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Al Franken
United States Senator