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**SENT VIA EMAIL**  
**DIGITAL READ RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Eric Sundberg  
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Re: Draft Aquifer Exemption Record of Decision  
EPA UIC Permit ND22386-11597  
Well: Big Bend 3-6  
API # 33-061-04676  
NWNW Sec.6– T151N-R92W  
Mountrail County, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Sundberg:

Please find enclosed a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Draft Aquifer Exemption (AE) Record of Decision (ROD) for a portion of the Inyan Kara Formation of the Dakota Group pertaining to the Big Bend 3-6 SWD injection well located in the Big Bend Field.

Public notice of this proposed action can be found on the EPA's website at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/uic/underground-injection-control-epa-region-8-co-mt-nd-sd-ut-and-wy>.

EPA regulations for issuing Underground Injection Control (UIC) AE decisions are found in 40 Code of Federal Regulations sections 144.7 and 146.4. These regulations and procedures require a public notice and the opportunity for a public hearing on UIC AE decisions. Accordingly, the public comment period for this AE will run for at least thirty (30) days, and a courtesy announcement of the comment period (enclosed), has been published in the following newspapers:

***Mountrail County Record***  
***New Town News***

A final decision will not be made until after the close of the comment period. All relevant comments will be taken into consideration.

If you have questions about this aquifer exemption, please contact Craig Boomgaard of my staff at (303) 312-6794, or (800) 227-8917, extension 312-6794 or by email at Boomgaard.Craig@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

12/11/2020

 Sarah Bahrman

Signed by: SARAH BAHRMAN

Sarah Bahrman, Chief  
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