

October 06, 2016

Garland Erbele, State Engineer
North Dakota State Water Commission
900 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Meridian Energy Group, water appropriation permit application, Billings County, ND - State Water Commission Permit # 6858

Dear Mr. Erbele:

The Division of Water Quality has performed a limited review of the above-referenced petition for appropriation of groundwater for industrial use. Based on the review, we do not object to issuance of the permit at this time. Please note that disposal of industrial waste water may require additional permitting.

If significant changes in water chemistry occur in the vicinity of the appropriation area, an investigation of the causes may be necessary pursuant to N.D.C.C. Chapter 61-28, as well as additional measures such as monitoring, implementation of BMPs or reduction in volumes of water appropriated. Please notify this office and forward applicable water quality information if significant changes in groundwater quality are observed.

For any questions relating to this letter, please call Derek Kannenberg at 701-328-5296. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karl Rockeman
Director
Division of Water Quality