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 NORTH DAKOTA COAL has been self monitoring; leading  
 EPA's requirements and often ahead  
 of the industry in environmental issues

CO<sub>2</sub> Generated from 2005 - 2014 was  
 decreased by 11% while increasing  
 generation of power over the same time period  
 as per info @ Seulah last week NDSHL

EPA's ORIGINAL GOAL with this PLAN was  
 an 11% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> -

But low + behold, ND had already reached  
 that - ? SO THE FINAL PLAN released  
 by the EPA in Aug 2015 CALLS FOR 45%  
 CO<sub>2</sub> reduction

This does not seem very rewarding to  
 an industry that has strived to be responsible  
 NOR does it seem right that  
 ND CAN NOT TAKE CREDIT FOR capturing tons  
 of CO<sub>2</sub> + piping IT to CANADA FOR oil field  
 recovery - NOR are we allowed  
 to take credit for hydro power + wind  
 energy established in the state prior  
 to Jan 2013 - OR will the EPA  
 allow us to take credit in ND for new  
 gas fired generation that is reducing flaring  
 in the oil patch -

BUT - we CAN buy or trade for  
 carbon credits in other states or even countries  
 that does nothing to improve our air quality

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IF THIS DOES NOT SPEAK w/  
HIPOCARRY OR BIG MONEY GRAB  
I DON'T KNOW WHAT DOES!!!

This is AS IF <sup>you told</sup> ~~you~~ 10 YR OLD; " YOU HAVE BEEN GOOD + RESPONSIBLE  
ALL YOUR LIFE; BUT I EXPECT YOU MAY SCREW UP OVER COMING YEARS  
DURING YOUR TEENS, SO YOUR STOCKING AT CHRISTMAS WILL HAVE A LUMP OF COAL

In Mercer County Schools - Both WAZAR  
AND BENLAK'S STUDENT POPULATION CONSISTS  
OF STUDENTS OF PARENTS EMPLOYED DIRECTLY IN  
THE COAL INDUSTRY OF 50-54% OF THEIR  
STUDENT POPULATION.

APPROX 1 of 4 PEOPLE IN MERCER CO ARE DIRECT EMPLOYEES  
OF ND CLEAN COAL -  
Mercer County Power Plants + COAL MINES  
EMPLOY 1990 PERSONS DIRECTLY - OUR  
POPULATION IS 8,592 THAT EQUATES TO

BECAUSE OF COAL; OUR FARMS SURVIVE -  
A NEW GENERATION CAN WORK @ THE INDUSTRY  
JOBS WHILE TAKE OVER THE FAMILY FARM  
OR BUSINESS OR A SPOUSE CAN FIND  
MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT - AT HOME!

THIS ALLOWS FOR THE STABILITY OF THE FAMILY  
AND MULTI GENERATIONAL CARE FOR THE  
NEEDS + EDUCATION OF A NEW GENERATION OF  
A/D RATES

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I do, in closing want to say,  
Thank you To DAVE GLOTT + NIS  
TEAM. For Their EFFORTS IN  
a Positive Review + Open Format  
on these meetings -

IT is a Relief To Know That  
a Responsible Group such as OUR OWN  
ND State Health Department will  
Be involved in the Final DRAFT of  
PLAN 11/d.

I TRUST That EPA will NOT  
Simply use ND State Health Dept as  
Their scape Goat + wash Their  
(EPA's) Hands of any Involvement  
As we go forward -