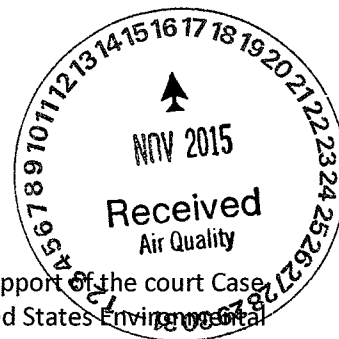


Vision West ND Consortium  
Resolution in Opposition  
To the 111(D) EPA Rule



Vision West ND Hereby declares a Resolution in opposition to 111(D) EPA Rule and in support of the court Case filed in US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia – State of North Dakota vs United States Environmental Protection Agency Case Number 15 -1380.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency proposed to further reduce the standard for ambient ozone to levels that could restrict North Dakota’s energy industry and impede economic growth and employment rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement continues to explore a new regulation, 111(D), that could significantly restrict access to North Dakota’s coal resources and place North Dakota mines in jeopardy; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Power Plan (CPP) is estimated to increase North Dakota residents’ average electricity and gas bills \$700 by 2020, and the loss of current and future electrical service to rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota coal industry employs over 17,000 people in the state, and contributes over \$3 billion in economic activity in North Dakota each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota coal industry generates enough electricity to power over two million homes in the Northern Great Plains, supplies synthetic natural gas to 400,000 homes and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of North Dakota and its citizens will be faced with a loss of current and future tax revenue generated by the closing of the affected power plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vision West ND Consortium urges the Federal government to work with the State of North Dakota, the state’s Congressional Delegation, and the North Dakota coal industry to design and implement regulatory programs that are based on sound science, recognize the status of existing technology and development timelines, and that make economic sense for the producers and consumers of North Dakota coal;

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the VISION WEST ND Consortium and its members urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency refrain from finalizing regulations for carbon dioxide emission standards which requires coal-fired power plants to meet an emission standard that is not achievable with current commercial technology, which prematurely requires retirement or curtailment of existing coal-fired power plants.

APPROVED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015 by the voting members of the Vision West ND Consortium;

, Daryl Dukart, Chairman

, KayCee Lindsey, Secretary

Attest:

, Debra Nelson, Vision West ND Consortium Administrator