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Dr. Dianne Nielson, Director  
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Dear Dianne:

The Division of Wildlife Resources has reviewed Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates' (SCA) proposed Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for Sunnyside Coarse Refuse. The DWR supports the use of this refuse and the final reclamation of this area. We have the following comments concerning this action.

In reference to Plate 3-2, a correction needs to be made. The identified white-tailed prairie dog towns do not exist at this time. The habitat has changed and no longer supports prairie dogs. Although the golden eagle nest referenced was noted as inactive, there are golden eagles that forage throughout the area. Any power lines or other situations where large raptors could be killed should be made "raptor proof."

During a site inspection of this permit area a spring and wetland were observed at the base of the refuse pile. This spring and wetland should be documented in the MRP. It was suggested that this spring is fed by the tailings pond located within the permit boundary. If this is a possibility, SCA should monitor water quality in cooperation with Sunnyside Coal Company.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this proposal. If there are any questions, contact Ken Phippen, Regional Habitat Manager (637-3310).

Sincerely,

Timothy H. Provan  
Director