

Testimony for Natural Resource Committee Hearing**August 27th Minot Holiday Inn ***

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. My name is Daryl Peterson, I am a land and mineral owner. My address is 2610 100th St. NW, Antler, ND .

I would like to make comments on how to achieve common sense enforced regulations. If there are no penaltys or consequences for not reporting spills or for not complying with rules on proper dikes, inadequate equipment or off location activity the oil company becomes enabled to ignore enviromental and property damage to the land owner. The surface owner can not rely on state regulators to protect his/her property. It is not uncommon for 80-100,000 gallons of water per day being pumped into disposal wells, yet requirements for containment and overflow protection is marginal at best. Dikes are not engineered or lined, which is an environmental disaster waiting to happen.

EPA mandates farms with 1300 gallons of on farm fuel storage must have engineer approved dykes or face severe fines, levied on the spot. I suggest the NDIC Oil and Gas have more policing power and incentive to protect the correlative rights of the surface owner, and also hold oil company accountable to surface owner for permanent damage to soil on and surrounding the well location.