

11.0 CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

11.1 CONSULTATION

The agencies and organizations contacted during environmental analysis of the proposed project are identified in **Table 11-1**. Copies of correspondence exchanged with those agencies and organizations are provided in Appendix A.

Table 11-1. Agency and Organization Contacts

NO.	AGENCY CONTACTED	DATE	AUTHOR	DATE OF AGENCY RESPONSE	AUTHOR
1	South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources	03/18/2002	Lorenzi		
2	South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office	03/18/2002	Lorenzi		
3	Minnesota Health Vital Communities Initiative	03/18/2002	Lorenzi		
4	Minnesota Department of Commerce	03/18/2002	Lorenzi	(Referred to the MN Pollution Control Agency for action)	
5a	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	03/19/2002	Lorenzi	04/17/2002	Gober
5b				04/25/2002	Gober
6	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency			06/05/02	Shevi

11.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Draft Environmental Assessment was issued on May 17, 2002, and made available for public review and comment. Copies of the document were provided for review at the Grant County Library (Milbank, SD), at the Ortonville City Public Library (Ortonville, MN), and on the Department of Energy/NETL web page at www.netl.doe.gov. An announcement of availability (Public Notice) was published in the Grant County Review. Only one reply was received in response to the public participation process. The

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, while indicating support for installation of the proposed advanced particulate collection technology, also emphasized the importance of seeking opportunities for improved NO_x and SO₂ removal, now or in the future, but they recognized that such work was likely beyond the scope of the proposed action. The Agency also suggested that monitoring plans include provisions for analyses of gaseous mercury and SO₂ capture efficiency.

Sampling plans during operation of the AHPC unit would include collection of particulate matter entering and exiting the AHPC. The collected particulate would be analyzed for trace materials, including mercury, but the currently proposed plan does not include studies of gaseous mercury. Subsequent to start-up of the AHPC unit, however, additional analyses of the system's environmental control capabilities may be conducted.