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John Howard  
President  
Distributed Generation Solutions  
503 Abbey Way  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Dear Mr. Howard:

Laurentian RC&D is pleased to add our letter of support to the Renewable Energy Clean Air Project (RECAP) that is proposed to be located in International Falls, Minnesota.

Laurentian RC&D has a strong interest in plasma gasification and has been an active partner in this project from the very beginning. This is a unique project because of the many facets that include employment and use of feedstock for municipal solid waste. One of the most unique characteristics is the education piece that will be implemented for training and education-based programs from K-12 and beyond.

The benefits of this type of project in Northern Minnesota are far-reaching and significant not only for our region, but for the entire nation. Laurentian RC&D recognizes the importance of finding solutions to the municipal waste problem that affects so many rural communities. Energy independence, homeland security, and community sustainability, are common themes for this project Minnesota will be looked at as a leader for embracing this type of project. We look forward to future discussions on this project.

On behalf of Laurentian RC&D, we look forward to working on RECAP to make it a success. Please contact me at (218) 244-0684 with any questions

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karin L. Adla".

President

Laurentian RC&D

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