



# Saint Louis County

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John Howard, President  
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Dear Mr. Howard:

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners received a presentation from Steven Kleuss, Coordinator for the Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Council at its meeting on October 11. Part of the information shared was about the Renewable Energy Clean Air Project (RECAP) located in International Falls, Minnesota. This program presents an exciting opportunity to demonstrate a potential change in the way Minnesota uses energy, and we are pleased to send this letter of support for the project.

St. Louis County Commissioners have a strong interest in Plasma Gasification as the benefits of this type of project in Northern Minnesota are far-reaching and significant to the future of our region. St. Louis County has been a leader in solid waste reduction and we recognize the importance of finding solutions to the municipal waste problem that affects so many rural communities. We look forward to future discussions on this project as it develops.

On behalf of the St. Louis County Board, we look forward to supporting and participating with RECAP and the Laurentian RC&D to make it a success.

Sincerely,

Peg Sweeney, Chair  
St. Louis County Board of Commissioners

c: St. Louis County Commissioners  
Dana W. Frey, County Administrator  
Steven Kleuss, Laurentian RC&D