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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

January 31, 2024

The Honorable Jim Pillen, Governor Governor of the State of Nebraska State Capitol, 2nd Floor Lincoln, NE 68509

Mr. Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature State Capitol, Room 2018 Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Lawful Presence in the U.S. Annual Report

Dear Governor Pillen and Mr. Metzler:

Please accept this annual report of the Department of Natural Resources for the period concluding December 31, 2023, in response to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 to -113.

List of applicable state benefits to individuals dispensed through NeDNR:

- 1. Employment, employment benefits, and service contracts with individuals
- 2. Reimbursements under Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Fund
- 3. State reimbursements under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) in conjunction with Farm Service Agency of U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Total number of applicants for State benefits:

Employment and contracts:

Employment: 15

Service Contracts with Individuals:

NSWCF: 638 CREP: 16

Total number rejected for benefits due to restrictions of the Act:

Employment and contracts:

NSWCF: 0 CREP: 0

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NeDNR actions taken in compliance with §§ 4-108 to -113 during this period:

- 1. E Verify Program participant
- 2. Personnel policy updated in compliance with statutes
- 3. NSWCF application procedures updated for compliance with statutes Federal Tax Document W-9 and DAS attestation forms used
- 4. CREP payment procedures updated for compliance with statutes
 Federal Tax Document W-9 and DAS attestation forms used
- 5. Contract requirement for all contracts and sub-contracts with individuals
- 6. Compliance annual review process completed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (402) 471-2363 or Isabella Peterson at (402) 560-2017.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Riley, P.E.

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Director

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