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Director Michael Schmitt Minnesota – University of Minnesota 240 Coffey Hall 1420 Eckles Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108

Dear Director Schmitt:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project NC-1182 – Nitrogen Cycling, Loading, and Use Efficiency in Forage–Based Livestock Production Systems (formerly NCT-196 and NC-189) beginning October 01, 2009 through September 30, 2014. CSREES concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Director and has APPROVED this project. A copy of the approved MRF project outline will be available to all participating stations and agencies via the National Information Management and Support System.

Sincerely Bach a. Hewitt

for Dr. Ralph Otto Associate Administrator, CSREES

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