

May 11, 2011

Director Sue Blodgett South Dakota State University South Dakota State University SAG 154 Box 2207D Brookings, 57007

Dear Director Blodgett:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project NC-1195 – Enhancing nitrogen utilization in corn based cropping systems to increase yield, improve profitability and minimize environmental impacts (NC1032/218) beginning October 01, 2011 through September 30, 2016.

NIFA 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

Accountability and Reporting Leader

for Meryl Broussard

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Deputy Director, NIFA

For all other project and program concerns, please contact us at 202-720-0747 or email bhewitt@NIFA.usda.gov