TECHNICAL ADVISOR’S SUMMARY and RECOMMENDATION
LRC-LXXXIII (83)-E
“Investigation of Rare Earth Element Extraction from North Dakota Coal-Related Feedstocks”
Submitted by: UND Institute for Energy Studies
Request for: $280,000; Total Project Costs: $3,437,500
Principal Investigator: Steve Benson

Description of the Project:
The overall goal of the proposed Phase II project is to demonstrate at a bench-scale (10 to 20 kg/hr) a high performance, economically viable, and environmentally benign technology to recover rare earth elements (REE) from North Dakota lignite coal or lignite-related feed stocks.

Technical Advisor’s Recommendation: Fund

Fund subject to the following:

- Matching Funding received from all the parties
- Technical advisor participates in Advisory Group
- Technical advisor reviews the project management plan with the project manager

Conflict of Interest:
North American Coal
Great River Energy
EERC
Great Northern Properties