

**Testimony of Craig Thorstenson, Environmental Engineer, Division of Air Quality, North Dakota Department of Health, before the North Dakota Legislative Management Administrative Rules Committee, September 13, 2016.**

Good morning, my name is Craig Thorstenson with the Department of Health. At the previous meeting of this committee, one of the administrative rules proposed by the Health Department, specifically changes to NDAC Chapter 33-15-14 regarding the posting of certain information on the Department's website instead of mailing the information, was held over to this meeting.

Currently, a paper copy of the information is sent to the County Auditor. These documents routinely include hundreds of pages of information. The proposed change allows for a notice to be placed on the Department's website instead of mailing a paper copy to the County Auditor. The County Auditor will still be notified of the project and the public notice procedures are not being changed as a public notice will still be published in a local newspaper.

The Department surveyed the County Auditors and all auditors that responded indicated that publishing the information on the Department's website is acceptable to them. The proposed change will save the Department several hundred dollars per year in copying and mailing costs and will reduce the paperwork burden on the County Auditors.

The Department requests approval of NDAC Chapter 33-15-14 as revised.