

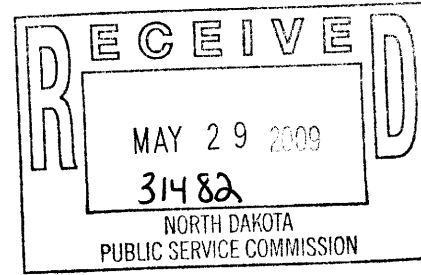


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May 28, 2009

FROM DIRECTOR - RECLAMATION DIV.

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Jim Deutsch, Director  
Reclamation Division  
State of North Dakota  
Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 0408  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0408

RE: BNI Coal, Ltd, Center Mine, Permit BNCR-8202, Final Bond Release Application  
No.1.

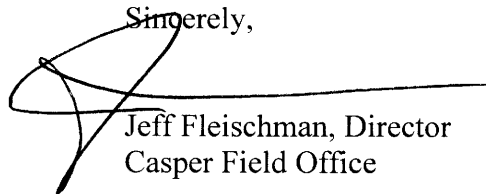
Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Casper Field Office conducted a complete oversight inspection of the Center Mine complex on June 5, 2008 in cooperation with the Reclamation Division. The proposed area includes Federal Lands therefore; Office of Surface Mining (OSM) concurrence will be needed.

The operator has successfully completed all surface coal mining and reclamation activities. No problems or issues were identified as a result of the review/inspection of the proposed bond release area. The Casper Field Office, Office of Surface Mining concurs with the North Dakota Reclamation Division's decision to approve Final Bond Release No.1 for permit BNCR-8202.

If you have any questions, please contact Gene Robinson of the Casper Field Office at 307/261-6540.

Sincerely,



Jeff Fleischman, Director  
Casper Field Office