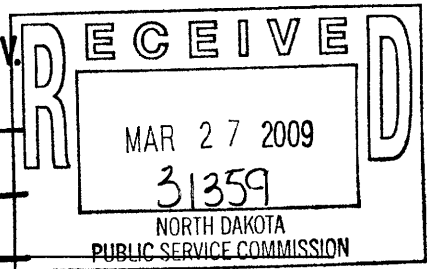




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March 20, 2009

James Deutsch
 Public Service Commission
 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Revision No. 22 to Surface Coal Mining Permit KRSB-8603 - Beulah Mine - Mercer and Oliver Counties, ND

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has reviewed your application regarding the referenced activity and concur with the prime farmland reclamation plans; therefore, NRCS will not be submitting comments. Thank you for the opportunity to review this revision, we look forward to working with you in the future.

If you have additional questions, please contact Steve Sieler, State Soil Liaison, at (701) 530-2019.

Sincerely,

J.R. FLORES
 State Conservationist

cc:
 Cody Hatzenbuhler, DC, NRCS, Beulah, ND
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