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Mr. D. Randall Crooke
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Dear Mr. Crooke:

This is to inform you that the application for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Permit NAOC-0802 for the proposed Otter Creek Mine has been deemed complete. A technical review of the permit application is now underway.

We understand that you have already initiated publication of the newspaper notice as required by NDCC 38-14.1-18. The Reclamation Division has received 12 updated DVD copies of the permit application for distribution to the advisory committee, NRCS, OSM, and for our use. Following the notice publication, please forward a copy of an Affidavit of Publication from each newspaper to this office for our files.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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