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April 17, 2009

Mr. Joe D. Friedlander  
Environmental Manager  
Coteau Properties Company  
204 County Rd. 15  
Beulah, ND 58523-9475

Dear Mr. Friedlander:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office located north of Beulah at **9:30 a.m., MDT on Wednesday, April 29, 2009**. The Dakota Gasification Company is the surface owner of this property and it is being developed into an ash disposal facility. The property is located in the S½ of the SW¼ of Section 19, T145N, R87W, Mercer County. The bond release application contains 73.13 acres of land and all of the acreage was affected by mining activities. The post-mine land use of the bond release tract is Industrial Land.

Also, we would appreciate it if you would email us an AutoCAD drawing showing the boundaries of this bond release tract prior to April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division

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April 17, 2009

Mr. Gary Loop  
Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President  
Dakota Gasification Company  
P.O. Box 5540  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5540

Dear Mr. Loop:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine. The Dakota Gasification Company is the surface owner of this property and it is being developed into an ash disposal facility. The property is located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, T145N, R87W, Mercer County. As the surface owner you and/or your representative are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office located north of Beulah at **9:30 a.m., MDT on Wednesday, April 29, 2009**. The bond release application contains 73.13 acres of land and all of the acreage was affected by mining activities. The post-mine land use of the bond release tract is Industrial Land.

Contact Guy Welch at 701-328-2298 if you plan to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch  
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April 17, 2009

Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Director  
OSM Casper Field Office  
PO Box 11018  
150 East B Street - Room 1018  
Casper, WY 82602-5004

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine. The Dakota Gasification Company is the surface owner of this property and it is being developed into an ash disposal facility. The property is located in the S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 19, T145N, R87W, Mercer County. You and/or your representatives are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office located north of Beulah at **9:30 a.m., MDT on Wednesday, April 29, 2009**. The bond release application contains 73.13 acres of land and all of the acreage was affected by mining activities. The post-mine land use of the bond release tract is Industrial Land. This property does not contain federal minerals.

Contact Guy Welch at 701-328-2298 if you plan to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Deutsch".

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
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April 17, 2009

Mercer County Commissioners  
PO Box 39  
Stanton, ND 58571

Dear Commissioners:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine. The Dakota Gasification Company is the surface owner of this property and it is being developed into an ash disposal facility. The property is located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, T145N, R87W, Mercer County. You and/or your representatives are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office located north of Beulah at **9:30 a.m., MDT on Wednesday, April 29, 2009**. The bond release application contains 73.13 acres of land and all of the acreage was affected by mining activities. The post-mine land use of the bond release tract is Industrial Land and a public road is to be constructed along the south side of this property.

Contact Guy Welch at 701-328-2298 if you plan to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
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April 17, 2009

Mr. Steve Tillotson  
ND Department of Health  
Gold Seal Center  
918 E Divide Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58506-1947

Dear Mr. Tillotson:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine. The Dakota Gasification Company is the surface owner of this property and it is being developed into an ash disposal facility. The property is located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, T145N, R87W, Mercer County. You and/or your representative are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office located north of Beulah at **9:30 a.m., MDT on Wednesday, April 29, 2009**. The bond release application contains 73.13 acres of land and all of the acreage was affected by mining activities. The post-mine land use of the bond release tract is Industrial Land.

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Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch  
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