

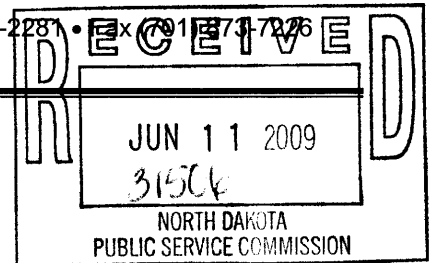
THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

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FREEDOM MINE

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June 11, 2009

Mr. James R. Deutsch
Director Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

FROM DIRECTOR - RECLAMATION DIV.

Date: _____

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Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are three CD's containing revised information for Final Bond Release #2 to Permit NACT-8503. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your May 29, 2009 letter:

1. See revised page 1 of Attachment VII. Total respread acres and yards were adjusted to reflect several acres already respread in the north half of the ash permit area.
2. See revised page 1 of Attachment VII.
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4. This information is available in the approved Mine Area 4 Post-Mining Ground Water Assessment, and does not need to be reiterated and summarized again for historical and reference purposes. A new summary of existing ground water data, previously summarized, is not necessary for bond release.
5. The ash disposal facility was designed, permitted, and constructed by Dakota Gasification Company. Although Coteau acted as the earthwork contractor for this project, that was the extent of our involvement following coal removal. Questions regarding ash pit design, permitting, operations, and environmental protection performance standards must be directed to the ND Department of Health or Dakota Gasification Company. This has been standard procedure for past ash disposal facility bond releases.
6. See revised page 2 of Attachment VII.

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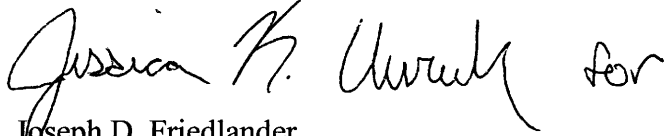
We are still waiting for the Affidavits of Publications from the Beulah Beacon and Hazen Star. When we receive them, a copy will be sent to you. Enclosed is a clipping from both papers from May 28, 2009.

Landowner and agency letters have been added to Attachments IVa and IVb.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica K. Urvak for". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joseph D. Friedlander
Environmental Manager

JDF:lr
Enc.

cc: Monte Erhardt, Mercer County Auditor (w/enc.)