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September 28, 2010

Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman
Director
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Casper, WY 82602-5004

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Enclosed for your review are copies of the application for Revision No. 8 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0201 held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine as well as Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) associated with mining leased federal coal tracts within this permit. This revision modifies the mining and reclamation plans for mining federal coal tracts under Federal Coal Lease NDM91535. The R2P2 was approved by the Bureau of Land Management on May 6, 2009. We are presently conducting a technical review of the revision application and we will be preparing documents that are needed for mine plan approval by the Department of the Interior before Coteau begins to mine the federal coal tracts.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
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Mr. Rick Holbrook, Chief
Program Support Division
Western Regional Coordinating Center
Office of Surface Mining
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202-3050

Dear Mr. Holbrook:

Enclosed for your review are copies of the application for Revision No. 8 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0201 held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine as well as Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) associated with mining leased federal coal tracts within this permit. This revision modifies the mining and reclamation plans for mining federal coal tracts under Federal Coal Lease NDM91535. The R2P2 was approved by the Bureau of Land Management on May 6, 2009. We are presently conducting a technical review of the revision application and we will be preparing documents that are needed for mine plan approval by the Department of the Interior before Coteau begins to mine the federal coal tracts.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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

James R. Deutsch
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cc: Gene Hay



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Mr. Phillip Perlewitz
Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals
Bureau of Land Management
5001 Southgate Dr.
Billings, MT 59101-4669

Dear Mr. Perlewitz:

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the application for Revision 8 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0201 held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine. Coteau previously submitted the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) for mining the leased federal coal tracts within this permit. The R2P2 for Federal Coal Lease NDM91535 was approved by your office on May 6, 2009. We are presently conducting a technical review of the revision application and we will be preparing documents that are needed for mine plan approval by the Department of the Interior before Coteau begins to mine the federal coal tracts.

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Mr. Lonny Bagley
Field Office Manager
Bureau of Land Management
ND Field Office
99 23rd Ave West, Suite A
Dickinson, ND 58601

Dear Mr. Bagley:

This is to inform you that the Coteau Properties Company has submitted the application for Revision 8 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0201 held for the Freedom Mine to mine federal coal tracts under Federal Coal Lease NDM91535. Coteau previously submitted the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) to BLM's Billings office for mining the leased federal coal tracts within this permit. The R2P2 was approved on May 6, 2009. We are presently conducting a technical review of the revision application and we will be preparing documents that are needed for mine plan approval by the Department of the Interior before Coteau begins to mine the federal coal tracts. If you wish to receive a copy of the revision for review, please let us know.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
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