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June 10, 2010

Mr. Joe D. Friedlander
Environmental Manager
Coteau Properties Company
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Dear Mr. Friedlander:

The Reclamation Division has conducted a completeness review of the applications for Renewal No. 1 and Revision No. 15 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0401 at the Freedom Mine. The following items must be adequately addressed before the applications can be deemed complete.

Renewal Application

1. Please revise the heading for the metes and bounds permit area description. Although the description lists the townships correctly as T145N and T146N, the heading lists the townships incorrectly as T144N and T145N. (WTG)

Newspaper Notice

2. Please revise the notice title to read "... RENEWAL AND REVISION ..." to indicate that both have been filed. (SAS)
3. Please add Section 9 in T145N, R87W to the list of sections covered by the permit on the third line of the first paragraph. (SAS, GAW, & WTG)
4. Please revise the permit term to read September 27, 2010 to September 27, 2015. (WTG & GAW)
5. Please revise the revision updates in the second paragraph to state that the revision "... identifies the coal removal subarea that will be mined during the next 5-year permit term". (JRD & SAS)

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6. Please revise the public inspection paragraph on the last page to state that copies of both the renewal and the revision applications are available for public inspection. (WTG)

Section 1.1.2 - Revision Summary Pages

7. Please revise the Revision 15 summary to state that the revision "... identifies the coal removal subarea that will be mined during the next 5-year permit term". (JRD & WTG)

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Deutsch", written in a cursive style.

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division