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September 3, 2010

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FROM DIRECTOR - RECLAMATION DIV.

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Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are revised materials for Renewal 1 and Revision 15 to Permit NACT-0401. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your August 13, 2010 letter:

1. The only change to page 3 of Section 3.2.1 is that text was pushed onto this page with the addition of narrative on page 2. The reference to page 3 was removed from the revision summary on page 16 of Section 1.1.2.
2. See revised Section 1.3.3.
3. See revised Section 1.3.3.
4. The link to the Certificate of Authenticity works for us. But, we've relinked it, and hope that it works for you now.
5. See revised Tract 12 of Section 1.5.1.
6. See revised Tract 38 of Section 1.5.1.
7. See the revised Surface and Coal Ownership Map of Section 1.5.3.
8. Well and spring certification documents are updated on an annual basis within the Consolidated Ground Water Monitoring Plan. Please refer to this document for any well or spring certifications that have been performed since the submittal of Revision 7 to Permit NACT-0401 in February 2008.
9. The map works for us, but we've relinked it and are sending three new disks containing the Consolidated Wildlife and Habitat Monitoring Plan, and hope that it works for you now. Please use the cases previously provided.

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In addition, the following changes were made:

1. Sections 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 were updated.
2. Sections 3.1.3, 3.1.1.3, and 3.2.1 were revised to address construction of dragline trails in advance of mining.
3. Because of the change mentioned above on the Pit Layout and Facilities Map of Section 3.1.3, the Surface Water Management Plan Map of Section 3.3.2 was also updated.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

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