

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Coteau Properties Company
Renewal No. 1, Permit NACT-0401
Approval

Case No. RC-10-166

RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN
SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS

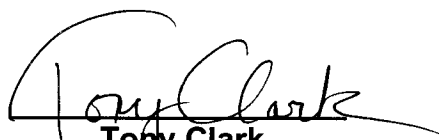
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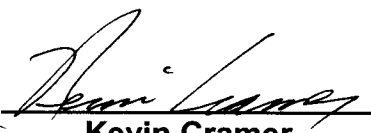
Based on the application received May 24, 2010, Renewal Number 1 to Permit Number NACT-0401 is hereby granted to The Coteau Properties Company to renew the permit subject to the requirements of Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, and the rules promulgated there under, on the following described areas:

Portions of Sections 4 and 9, T145N, R87W, and Sections 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36, T146N, R87W, Mercer County, totaling 6,070.27 acres.

This five-year permit renewal will allow The Coteau Properties Company to continue to operate under approved mining and reclamation plans for this permit area at the Freedom Mine **until September 26, 2015**. Permit No. NACT-0401 and other permits for the Freedom Mine are currently covered by collateral and self bonds in the amount of \$102,000,000.

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