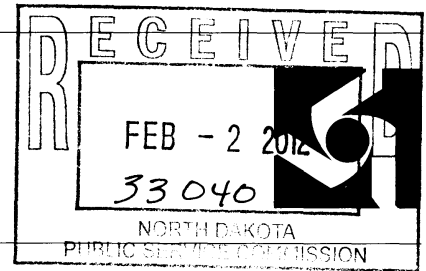


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February 1, 2012

Mr. James R. Deutsch
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Re: Bond Release 8 – Permit BCGH-8204

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are 4 copies of page 5 that changed as a result the PSC' staff review dated December 23, 2011. For convenience this comment and our response to that comment are provided in this correspondence as follows:

Attachment VI – Tract History, Bonding and Vegetation Data	
PSC comment	Follow-up to Item No 13: As stated in the previous deficiency, a statement in the second paragraph of page 5 states that the wetlands were not affected by mining or associated mining and reclamation disturbance. However, this statement is inaccurate for Wetland B. The 1985 annual map indicates the area was graded and respread in that year, and the 1986 annual map shows the area was seeded, thereby indicating the area was disturbed in some manner. Please update the appropriate sections accordingly to indicate that Wetland B was disturbed and subsequently reclaimed. (MDB
Response:	We reviewed the annual maps and photo history and concluded that original discussion on page 5 was incorrect. The area within the reclaimed portion known as Wetland B was disturbed. Changes were made to the second paragraph.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mike Murray
Property and Right of Way Supervisor

Attachment

cc: Permit BCGH-8204