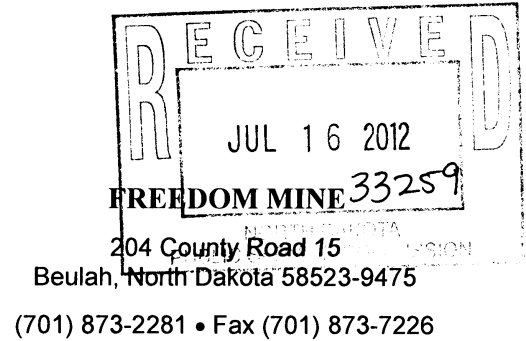


THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

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July 13, 2012

Mr. James R. Deutsch
Director Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are three DVD's containing revised Final Bond Release #4 to Permit NACT-9101. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your July 10, 2012 letter.

1. See revised pages 1, 2, and 3 of Attachment VIIIId, and revised page 8 of Attachment VIIIA. Since the unadjusted yield standard changed, it was no longer necessary to demonstrate that the 2008 yield is not significantly different. The information previously on page 3 of Attachment VIIIId was removed.
2. See revised pages 9 and 10 of Attachment VIIIId.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Unruh or me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

Donn R. Steffen
Environmental Manager

DRS:lr
Enc.

cc: Monte Erhardt, Mercer County Auditor (w/enc.)