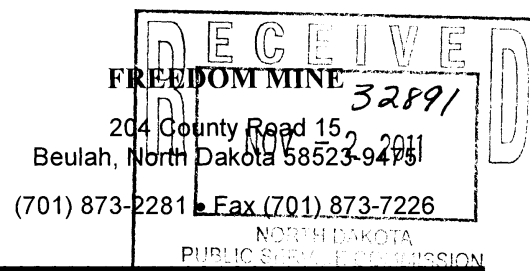


# THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION



November 1, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

In response to your October 11, 2011 letter regarding the field inspection of Final Bond Release #5 to Permit NACT-9101, the following are responses to items you requested be addressed:

1. On October 18, spraying in the requested areas was completed.
2. On October 31, energy dissipating riprap was placed below the culvert under the section line road located along the south side of the SE¼ Section 17.
3. During the week of October 3, the small erosion feature was repaired, and riprap was placed along the inlet of SSP-D18-01.
4. Also during the week of October 3, the differential settling feature in Section 18 was repaired.
5. During the week of October 17, a number of low areas in Section 16 were repaired to assure positive drainage. These areas were inspected by your staff on October 27, with no requests for any further changes. These small repairs consisted of reshaping the existing topsoil, and/or adding small amounts of additional topsoil. On October 31, all repaired areas were seeded with the pre-cropland seed mix. Each feature was less than 0.5 acres in size, so no variance from the 10 year revegetation period is necessary according to Policy Memorandum No. 20.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

Donn R. Steffen  
Environmental Manager

JKU/DRS:lr  
Enc.