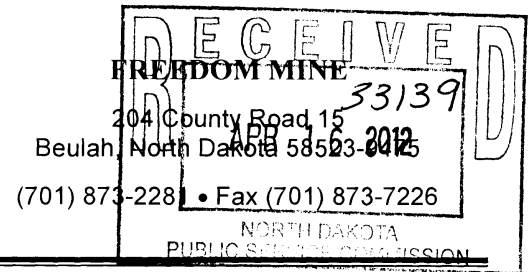


# THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION



April 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 #5 to Permit NACT-9101. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your March 8, 2012 letter.

1. A hard copy of Attachment Ib is enclosed.
2. See revised Attachments Va, Vb, and Vc.
3. See revised Attachment Va, not VIa.
4. See revised Attachments Vb and Vc, not VIb and VIc.
5. Section 3.6.2a of Permit NACT-9101 was developed to depict watersheds and post-mining topography for all surface water features. Please refer to this section of the permit for these items.
6. See revised page 4 of Attachment VII.
7. See revised pages 8-9 of Attachment VII.
8. An easement for this section of land will be provided by Coteau before approval of this bond release package.
9. See revised page 6 of Attachment VII.
10. See revised page 6 of Attachment VII.
11. See revised pages 6-7 of Attachment VII.
12. See revised pages 5-7 of Attachment VII.
13. See the revised printable list of attachments, the web page table of contents, and revised Attachments VIIIId and VIIIg.
14. See revised page 2 of Attachment VIIIA.
15. See revised page 3 of Attachment VIIIA.
16. See revised page 3 of Attachment VIIIB-1, which resulted in changes to page 3 of Attachment VIIIA and page 3 of Attachment VIIIB.
17. See revised page 2 of Attachment VIIIB-2.

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18. See revised page 4 of Attachment VIIIA. The scale ticket imprint shows 8860 as the loaded weight, with an empty weight of 6060, resulting in a difference of 2800, when divided by two is 1400 pounds per bale. The information was interpreted incorrectly by the landfill operator in the handwritten portion of the scale ticket, so no changes are necessary to adjust the bale weights.
19. See revised page 1 of Attachment VIIIE.
20. See revised page 7 of Attachment VIIIE.
21. See revised page 8 of Attachment VIIIE.
22. See revised page 8 of Attachment VIIIE.
23. See revised page 8 of Attachment VII, and revised page 1 of Attachment VIIIE.
24. No changes are necessary. The correct values were used to calculate the standard in Attachment VIIIF.
25. See revised pages 27 and 31 of Attachment VIIIF-2.
26. See revised pages 2, 3, and 6 of Attachment VIIIF-1.
27. See revised pages 1-6, 8-13, 15, and 17 of Attachment VIIIF-1.
28. See revised pages 1-2 of Attachment VIIII, and revised pages 1-2 of Attachment VIIII-2. Approximately 146 acres were cropped in 2008 and 2010, and 131.1 acres were cropped in 2007. The total acres listed in the yield calculations were changed from 148 to 146 for 2008 and 2010, but the acres listed for 2007 stayed the same at 131.1. This change adjusted the reclaimed yields and unadjusted yield standards for 2008 and 2010.

The pond maintenance agreements have been added to Attachment IX, Other Approvals.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Unruh.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY



Donn R. Steffen  
Environmental Manager

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Enc.

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