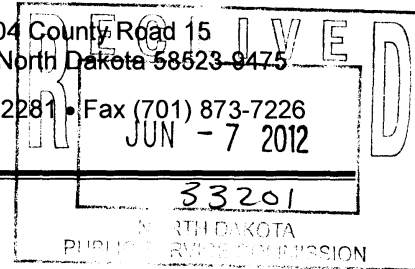


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June 6, 2012

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 May 10, 2012 letter.

1. See revised Section VIa.
2. See revised Sections VIa, VIb, and VIc.
3. See revised Sections VIa, VIb, and VIc.
4. Coteau commits to obtaining the referenced easement, but does not currently have a copy to include in this bond release application, as it is currently in the process of being obtained from the county. As soon as an easement is obtained, Coteau will provide a copy to you. With Coteau's commitment to obtain this easement, we urge you to recommend approval of this bond release application as soon as all other matters have been addressed. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.
5. See revised page 3 of Attachment VIIIb.
6. The scale ticket in Attachment VIIIb-2 (not VIIIc) shows a load weight of 8860 imprinted on the right side (see page 31 of Attachment VIIIb-2). The imprint of the second "8" is faint, so a quick glance by the landfill operator interpreted this to read "3" when hand-writing the calculations on the left side of the ticket. It is faint, but visible, on the scanned copy included in Attachment VIIIb-2, as well as on the original copy. No changes were made.
7. See revised page 8 of Attachment VIIIe.
8. See revised page 6 of Attachment VIIIh.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

Donn R. Steffen
Environmental Manager

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