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October 7, 2011

Mr. Donn Steffen
Environmental Manager
Coteau Properties Company
204 County Rd. 15
Beulah, ND 58523

Dear Mr. Steffen:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Applications No. 1 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permits NACT-9501 and NACT-9101, respectively, at the Freedom Mine. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office **at 10:00 a.m., CDT, on Thursday, October 13, 2011**. Final bond release No. 1 to Permit NACT-9501 contains 39.72 acres of land located in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, T145N, R87W, and final bond release No. 4 to Permit NACT-9101 consists of 448.6 acres of land located in a portion of Section 21, T145N, R86W, Mercer County, ND.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James R. Deutsch".

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

CC: Jessica Unruh, Coteau

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Director
OSM Casper Field Office
PO Box 11018
150 East B Street - Room 1018
Casper, WY 82602-5004

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Applications No. 1 and No 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permits NACT-9501 and NACT-9101, respectively, at the Freedom Mine. You and/or your representative are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office **at 10:00 a.m., CDT, on Thursday, October 13, 2011.** Final bond release No. 1 to Permit NACT-9501 contains 39.72 acres of land located in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, T145N, R87W, and final bond release No. 4 to Permit NACT-9101 consists of 448.6 acres of land located in a portion of Section 21, T145N, R86W, Mercer County, ND. Neither of these tracts contain federal coal.

Contact Guy Welch at 701-328-2298 if plan to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

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Mercer County Commissioners
Mercer County Courthouse
Stanton, ND 58571

Dear Commissioners:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Applications No. 1 and No 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permits NACT-9501 and NACT-9101, respectively, at the Freedom Mine. You and/or your representatives are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office **at 10:00 a.m., CDT, on Thursday, October 13, 2011.**

Final bond release No. 1 to Permit NACT-9501 contains 39.72 acres of land located in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, T145N, R87W, Mercer County. This property is owned by David Payn. Final bond release No. 4 to Permit NACT-9101 consists of 448.6 acres of land located in a portion of Section 21, T145N, R86W, Mercer County, and is owned by The Coteau Properties Company. A county road is located on the north side of the tract is Section 5 and County Road 27 is located on the west side of Section 21.

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Mr. David Young Payn
C/O Charles Stroup
209 Central Avenue
Hazen, ND 58545

Dear Mr. Payn:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Application No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permits NACT-9501 at the Freedom Mine. As the surface owner, you and/or your representatives are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office **at 10:00 a.m., CDT, on Thursday, October 13, 2011.**

Final bond release No. 1 to Permit NACT-9501 contains 39.72 acres of land located in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, T145N, R87W, Mercer County. A small portion of this tract was affected by mining activities and has been reclaimed to hayland. A county road is located on the north side of the tract.

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Carlee A. Elke
Soil Conservationist
NRCS Beulah Field Office
1400 Highway 49 N, No. 2
Beulah, ND 58523-6065

Dear Ms. Elke:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Applications No. 1 and No 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permits NACT-9501 and NACT-9101, respectively, at the Freedom Mine. You and/or your representatives are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office **at 10:00 a.m., CDT, on Thursday, October 13, 2011.**

Final bond release No. 1 to Permit NACT-9501 contains 39.72 acres of hayland located in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, T145N, R87W, Mercer County. Final bond release No. 4 to Permit NACT-9101 consists of 448.6 acres of land located in a portion of Section 21, T145N, R86W, Mercer County. This property has been reclaimed to cropland, native grassland, hayland and contains re-disturbed orphan spoil and a county road.

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Mr. Scott Hochhalter
State Soil Conservation Specialist
2718 Gateway Ave., Suite #104
Bismarck, ND 58503

Dear Mr. Hochhalter:

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