

# THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION

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NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	

March 27, 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 sets of materials for Revision 29 to Permit NACT-8601. This revision updates the permit for renewal #5. Also enclosed are the original revision and renewal application forms, and a proposed legal ad and map.

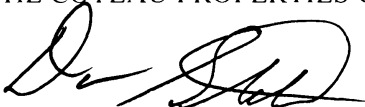
Responses below refer to deficiencies in your January 30, 2012 letter:

1. See revised Sections 1.2.1, 1.2.2, and 1.2.3.
2. Whenever there are changes, they will automatically be sent to you by the The North American Coal Corporation in Plano, Texas.
3. See revised pages 1-4 of Section 1.3.6.
4. See the revised Extended Mining Plan Map of Section 2.1.1.
5. See the revised Pit Layout and Facilities Map of Section 3.1.5.
6. See the revised Post-Mining Land Use Map of Section 4.1.2.
7. See revised page 2 of Section 4.1.1, and the revised Post-Mining Land Use Map of Section 4.1.2. The footnote on the table in Section 4.1.3 is correct.
8. See revised page 2 of Section 4.2.1a.
9. Coteau's CVSS update, Revision 13 to Permit NACT-0401, is being worked on at this time, and will be submitted at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY



Donn R. Steffen  
Environmental Manager

DRS:lr  
Enc.

cc: Monte Erhardt (w/enc.)



**APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**RECLAMATION DIVISION**  
 SFN 10566 (Rev. 12-99)

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 Date MAR 28 2012  
March 27, 2012  
 Permit Number NDACT-8601  
 NOTICE  
 PUBLIC SERVICE

Name of Permittee <b>The Coteau Properties Company</b>		Permit Number <b>NDACT-8601</b>	
Address <b>204 County Road 15</b>	City <b>Beulah</b>	State <b>ND</b>	Zip Code <b>58523</b>

The above named hereby makes application for Renewal Number 5 of the above Permit Number in order to continue to engage in surface coal mining and reclamation operations within the area described below in the permit during the period from July 28, 2012 to July 28, 2017.

The reasons for requesting the renewal is attached and any changes to the matters set forth in the approved Permit are particularly described in the accompanying revision application.

The applicable public notice provisions of Section 38-14.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code have been complied with. A copy of the advertisement is attached and affidavits of publications will be furnished to the Commission prior to issuance of the Permit Renewal.

Bond for surface coal mining and reclamation operations and liability insurance will be provided for the proposed period of renewal. Attached is a statement evidencing that the bond is sufficient and will continue in full force for the renewal period and that liability insurance will be provided for the renewal period.

LOCATION				ACRES
SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	
8	145N	87W	Mercer	293.374
12	145N	88W	Mercer	479.154
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>				<b>772.528</b>

Signature of Official <i>William R. Kuhl</i>	Title <b>Staff Mining Engineer</b>
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**VERIFICATION**

Name of Official <b>Donn R. Steffen</b>
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I, the above named, being first and duly sworn, verify that the information contained in the Permit Renewal Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Official <i>Don R. Steffen</i>	Title <b>Environmental Manager</b>
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of March, 2012. My commission expires: 09/10/15

**LISA RYAN**  
**Notary Public**  
**State of North Dakota**  
**My Commission Expires Sept. 10, 2015.**

(SEAL)

*Lisa Ryan*  
 Notary Public

This renewal is being requested because this permit area is being used to support coal removal operations in other permit areas, and the permit is due to expire.

The bond for this permit area is sufficient, and will continue for the renewal period. Liability insurance is provided, and will be renewed on a yearly basis throughout the renewal period.