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February 10, 2014

Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Director
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Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Enclosed for your review is a DVD containing the application for Revision 27 to Surface Coal Mining Permit KRSB-8603 for the Beulah Mine that was submitted by Dakota Westmoreland Corporation. This revision proposes to add 892.2 acres located in portions of Sections 20, 21, 22 and 23, T143N, R88W, Mercer County, to the existing permit area. The additional areas will be mined and used for associated disturbances. The acreage added with this revision will extend mining southward in the existing Silver and Red Pit mine areas and a new pit (Iron) sequence also is planned. This revision application updates all legal and pre-mine environmental resource information and modifies operations and reclamation plans to reflect the areas being added to the permit.

The areas being added to the permit include several tracts of Federal coal. Dakota Westmoreland currently holds Lease No. NDM 041765 for the Federal coal tracts located in portions of Sections 20 and 22 of T143W, R88W, which was modified December 1, 2013. Mining plans for these tracts are included in the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan as revised October 2013.

Please note the enclosed DVD contains information for the entire area contained in Permit KRSB-8603, including areas that were previously permitted and mined. We ask that you submit any comments on the application for Revision 27 by March 31, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

Enclosure

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Mr. Bob Postle, Chief
Program Support Division
Western Regional Coordinating Center
Office of Surface Mining
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202-3050

Dear Mr. Postle:

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Mr. Bob Postle
February 10, 2014
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Deutsch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

Enclosures

cc: Gene Hay

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Mr. Phillip Perlewitz, Chief
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Billings, MT 59101

Dear Mr. Perlewitz:

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Mr. Don Judice
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Dear Mr. Judice:

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