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February 10, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Hochhalter:

Enclosed for your review is a DVD containing the application for Revision 27 to Surface Coal Mining Permit KRSB-8603 for the Beulah Mine submitted by Dakota Westmoreland Corporation. This revision proposes to add 892.2 acres in Sections 20, 21, 22 and 23 of T143N, R88W, Mercer County, to the existing permit area for a total area of 3,558.3 acres. This additional area will be mined and used for associated disturbance activities. The acreage added with this revision will extend mining southward in the existing Silver and Red Pit areas and adds a new pit sequence, the Iron Pit. This revision application updates all legal and pre-mine environmental resource information and modifies operations and reclamation plans to reflect the area being added to the permit.

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Larry Kotchman
State Forester
N.D. Forest Service
307 First Street East
Bottineau, ND 58318

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Mr. Todd Sando
State Engineer
North Dakota State Water Commission
900 East Boulevard, Dept 770
Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

Dear Mr. Sando:

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Mr. Ed Murphy
State Geologist
North Dakota Geological Survey
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Murphy:

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Mr. Merlan Paaverud
State Historical Society of ND
612 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0830

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Mr. David Glatt, Chief
Environmental Health Section
North Dakota Health Department
918 East Divide Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-1947

Dear Mr. Glatt:

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Mr. Terry Steinwand, Director
North Dakota Game and Fish Department
100 North Bismarck Expressway
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

Dear Mr. Steinwand:

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Mr. Norman Vigal
Acting State Conservationist
Natural Resource Conservation Service
220 East Rosser Ave.
P.O. Box 1458
Bismarck, North Dakota 58502

Dear Mr. Vigal:

Dakota Westmoreland Corporation submitted an application for Revision 27 to Surface Coal Mining Permit KRSB-8603 for the Beulah Mine located in Mercer and Oliver Counties. This revision proposes to add 892.2 acres in Sections 20, 21, 22 and 23 of T143N, R88W, Mercer County, to the existing permit area for a total area of 3,558.3 acres. Approximately 23.6 acres of prime farmland has been identified within the area to be added to the permit in the S1/2 of Sections 21 and 22 but only that located near the center of Section 22 is scheduled to be disturbed, approximately 3.2 acres. The prime farmland investigation for the proposed addition area is described in Section 2.4, Soils Inventory, while the location of the Arnegard 44 and 44B map units are shown on Exhibit 2.4.7. Plans for handling the prime farmland soils are described in Section 3.4, Suitable Growth Material Handling Plan. The Pit Layout and Facilities Map, Exhibit 3.1.2, shows where disturbance is planned.

An electronic copy of this revision application is on the enclosed DVD. Please review the prime farmland reclamation plans and submit written comments and/or your concurrence of the prime farmland reclamation plan to our office by March 31, 2014.

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