

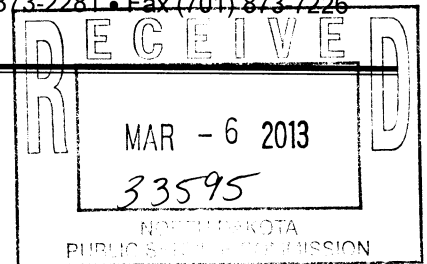
# THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

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March 4, 2013

Mr. James R. Deutsch  
Director Reclamation Division  
Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are three binders containing Revision 31 to Permit NACT-8203. This revision updates the permit for renewal #6. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your January 9, 2013 letter:

1. See revised Sections 1.2.2, 1.2.3, and 1.2.4 of the original permit.
2. The latest Consolidated Legal Information report was submitted on January 11, 2013. There have been no changes since then. The index has been updated to list Business Entity/Compliance Information at the beginning.
3. See Section B-1 of this revision.
4. See the revised index. The Post-Mining Land Use Map is now found in Revision 31, as it was updated with this revision.
5. See Section B-2 of this revision. Grade approvals were used to determine the correct prime farmland respread boundaries. In some cases, old notes in our files provided additional information. It occurs that the prime farmland respread boundaries from the early grade approval packages were digitized separately for the permit, and the soils handling plan and discrepancies were introduced at this step. The two areas in Section 17 were added to the Post-Mining Land Use Map of Section B-2, since grade approval documents supported information submitted in the 2012 Soils Handling Plan. Conversely, the prime farmland respread in Section 20 was correct in the permit and not in the 2012 Soils Handling Plan, so no changes were made to the permit in Section 20. Prior to submittal of the 2013 Soils Handling Plan, prime farmland respread boundaries will be reviewed and corrected.

Also enclosed are the original application form and a proposed newspaper publication. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy Leingang".

Troy J. Leingang  
Environmental Manager

TJL:lr  
Enc.

cc: Shana Brost, Mercer County Auditor (w/enc.)

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Renewal application submitted to extend the permit term another five years  
Coteau Properties Company