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September 27, 2013

Mr. Jay Volk  
Environmental Manager  
BNI Coal, Ltd.  
2360 35th Ave. SW  
Center, ND 58530-9499

Dear Mr. Volk:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Application No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit BNCR-9401 and Bond Release Application No. 9 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. 37 at the Center Mine. We will meet at the BNI Coal, Ltd., Center Mine office at **10:00 a.m., CDT on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.**

Bond release application No. 4 to Permit BNCR-9401 is for 52.09 acres of land located in Section 5, T141N, R83W. This entire bond release tract is designated as industrial land use and contains Cell Number 3 of Minnkota Power Cooperative's FGD sludge disposal facility. Bond release application No. 9 to Permit 37 is for 1.78 acres of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 25, T142N, R83W. This tract consists entirely of cropland that is mostly in hay production.

In case of inclement weather conditions, an alternate date will be scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division

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September 27, 2012

Mr. Joseph Schmidt  
3581 22nd St. SW  
Center, ND 58530


Dear Mr. Schmidt:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Application No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit BNCR-9401 and Bond Release Application No. 9 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. 37 at the Center Mine. As the surface owner of the property included in Bond Release No. 9 to Permit 37, you and/or your representative are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the BNI Coal, Ltd., Center Mine office at 10:00 a.m., CDT on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

Bond release application No. 9 to Permit 37 is for 1.78 acres of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 25, T142N, R83W. This tract consists entirely of cropland that is mostly in hay production. Bond release application No. 4 to Permit BNCR-9401 is for 52.09 acres of land located in Section 5, T141N, R83W. This entire bond release tract is designated as industrial land use and contains Cell Number 3 of Minnkota Power Cooperative's FGD sludge disposal facility.

Contact Randy Kowalski at 701-328-1401 if you are planning to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay due to weather conditions. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

  
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September 27, 2013

Minnkota Power Cooperative  
PO Box 13200  
Grand Forks, ND 58208-3200

Minnkota Power Cooperative:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Application No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit BNCR-9401 and Bond Release Application No. 9 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. 37 at the Center Mine. As the surface owner of the property included in Bond Release No. 9 to Permit BNCR-9401, you and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the BNI Coal, Ltd., Center Mine office at **10:00 a.m., CDT on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.**

Bond release application No. 4 to Permit BNCR-9401 is for 52.09 acres of land located in Section 5, T141N, R83W. This entire bond release tract is designated as industrial land use and contains Cell Number 3 of Minnkota Power Cooperative's FGD sludge disposal facility. Bond release application No. 9 to Permit 37 is for 1.78 acres of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 25, T142N, R83W. This tract consists entirely of cropland that is mostly in hay production.

Contact Randy Kowalski at 701-328-1401 if you are planning to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay due to weather conditions. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

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September 27, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Application No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit BNCR-9401 and Bond Release Application No. 9 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. 37 at the Center Mine. You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. None of the land in the bond release tracts contained federal coal. We will meet at the BNI Coal, Ltd., Center Mine office at 10:00 a.m., CDT on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

Bond release application No. 4 to Permit BNCR-9401 is for 52.09 acres of land located in Section 5, T141N, R83W. This entire bond release tract is designated as industrial land use and contains Cell Number 3 of Minnkota Power Cooperative's FGD sludge disposal facility. Bond release application No. 9 to Permit 37 is for 1.78 acres of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 25, T142N, R83W. This tract consists entirely of cropland that is mostly in hay production.

Contact Randy Kowalski at 701-328-1401 if you are planning to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay due to weather conditions. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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September 27, 2012

Oliver County Commissioners  
Oliver County Courthouse  
PO Box 188  
Center, ND 58530

Dear Commissioners:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Application No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit BNCR-9401 and Bond Release Application No. 9 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. 37 at the Center Mine. You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the BNI Coal, Ltd., Center Mine office at 10:00 a.m., CDT on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

Bond release application No. 4 to Permit BNCR-9401 is for 52.09 acres of land located in Section 5, T141N, R83W. This entire bond release tract is designated as industrial land use and contains Cell Number 3 of Minnkota Power Cooperative's FGD sludge disposal facility. Bond release application No. 9 to Permit 37 is for 1.78 acres of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 25, T142N, R83W. This tract consists entirely of cropland that is mostly in hay production. Neither bond release includes any reclaimed public roads.

Contact Randy Kowalski at 701-328-1401 if you are planning to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay due to weather conditions. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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September 27, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Hochhalter:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Application No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit BNCR-9401 and Bond Release Application No. 9 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. 37 at the Center Mine. You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the BNI Coal, Ltd., Center Mine office at **10:00 a.m., CDT on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.**

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September 27, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Glatt:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for Bond Release Application No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit BNCR-9401 and Bond Release Application No. 9 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. 37 at the Center Mine. You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the BNI Coal, Ltd., Center Mine office at **10:00 a.m., CDT on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.**

Bond release application No. 4 to Permit BNCR-9401 is for 52.09 acres of land located in Section 5, T141N, R83W, Oliver County, ND. This entire bond release tract is designated as industrial land use and contains Cell Number 3 of Minnkota Power Cooperative's FGD sludge disposal facility. Bond release application No. 9 to Permit 37 is for 1.78 acres of cropland located in the SW1/4 of Section 25, T142N, R83W.

Contact Randy Kowalski at 701-328-1401 if you are planning to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay due to weather conditions. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

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