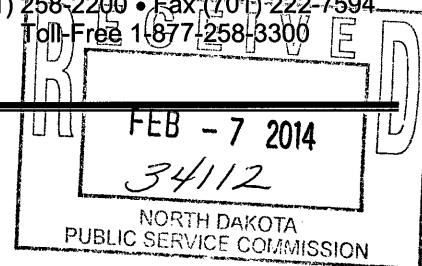


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February 4, 2014

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 five DVDs containing Surface Coal Mining Permit Application NACC-1301. Two DVDs contains the marked up version, showing changes made in response to your January 27, 2014 letter. The remaining three DVDs contain the cleaned up version of the permit that can be used for your reference and distribution, pending permit approval. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your January 27, 2014 letter regarding technical review:

1. An additional \$12,000 was added to the bond amount to dispose of non-recyclable materials, such as ceiling tiles, sheet rock etc., in the Mercer County Landfill. No additional costs were added for recycling of the steel building as the cost of scrap will cover the transportation cost to a local recycler. This was approved per e-mail from James Deutsch on 1/29/14. Sections 3.1.1.8 and 3.1.1.8.1 were updated accordingly.
2. Section 3.1.1.3 was updated as requested.
3. Section 3.1.1.3 was updated as requested.

In addition, Sections 3.1.1.8.1, 3.1.1.8.4, and 3.1.1.8.5 were updated to reflect the 2013 variable costs per e-mail request from Francisco Echeverria on 1/28/14. Sections 1.2.6.1, 2.8.1, 2.8.2, 2.8.5, and 3.1.3 were revised since site 32ME2350 has been excavated and cleared by SHPO for disturbance. Section 1.3.5 was updated for permits that have been acquired or applied for.

Sincerely,

COYOTE CREEK MINING COMPANY, L.L.C.

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