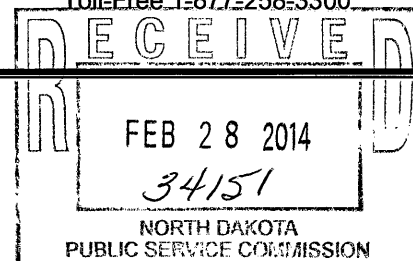


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February 28, 2014

Mr. James R. Deutsch
Director Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
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Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are three DVD's containing Surface Coal Mining Permit Application NACC-1302. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your February 19, 2014 letter regarding completeness review:

1. Section 1.2.4 was revised as requested.
2. Section 1.5.1 was revised as requested.
3. Section 2.2.4 was revised as requested.
4. Lyle Winkler Well #1 was drilled to replace Well #2. Well #2 hasn't been used since Well #1 became operational. The pump was pulled at that time, so no water samples were able to be taken. Therefore, no water quality information is available and no changes were made to Section 2.3.2.2. Since the last permit submittal, signed copies have been received, so were added to Section 2.3.2.7 as requested.
5. Section 3.1.1.5 was revised as requested.

Additional items:

1. State leases will be inserted after the March 14, 2014, hearing and sale and after approval by the State Land Board, which is expected to occur on March 27, 2014.
2. Sections 1.2.6 and 2.7.2 were corrected.
3. A revised Landowner Notification Map was sent out in February to reflect changes in the mine plan. Letters, certified mail return receipts, and the revised map were added to Sections 1.4.2 and 1.4.3. Return receipts from the initial landowner notification mailing had been included in Section 4.1.4, but for consistency, they have now been moved to Section 1.4.2, so both sections were revised to make this change.

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Sincerely,

COYOTE CREEK MINING COMPANY, L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Flath".

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