

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**Reclamation Division**

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**Memorandum**

**TO:** Commissioners Kalk, Christmann and Fedorchak  
Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Ryan Norrell

**FROM:** Jim Deutsch, Dean Moos and Guy Welch

**DATE:** April 2, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Application for Renewal No. 2 to Permit No. NACT-0201 held by The Coteau Properties Company, Case No. RC-13-896

On December 11, 2013, The Coteau Properties Company filed the application for Renewal No. 2 to Permit No. NACT-0201 to continue to conduct mining operations within the existing permit area until April 14, 2019. Permit No. NACT-0201 covers all or portions of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, T144N, R88W; Sections 1 and 12, T144N, R89W; Sections 30, 31 and 32, T145N, R87W; and Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36, T145N, R88W, Mercer County, totaling approximately 17,051 acres. The Reclamation Division has completed its review of this five-year permit renewal and respectfully recommends that it be approved.

Coteau has applied for this five-year renewal because coal removal operations will continue for many years in this permit area. Mining and reclamation plans and other information were updated for the next permit term as part of Revision No. 16 that was submitted with the renewal application.

Coteau has submitted the affidavits of publication of the newspaper notice. We notified the appropriate agencies, affected landowners and the advisory committee members. We received no comments or objections to this renewal application. Evidence of adequate performance bond and liability insurance are currently on file. The mine-wide Consolidated Bonding Plan was updated on September 23, 2013. Self and collateral bonds that total \$119,000,000.00 cover this and other permits at the Freedom Mine.

A map showing the location of this permit is attached. Also attached for your consideration are the proposed motion and renewal approval forms.

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