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May 22, 2014

Mr. Troy Leingang  
Environmental Manager  
Coteau Properties Company  
204 County Rd. 15  
Beulah, ND 58523

Dear Mr. Leingang:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed Coteau's May 5<sup>th</sup> response to our initial review of Final Bond Release Application No. 3 to Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine. The public advertisement and notification letters incorrectly state that the permit is currently bonded for an amount totaling \$108 million, rather than \$119 million dollars. Coteau may publish the newspaper notice and mail the agency and surface ownership notification letters provided this error is corrected. Please send or email us corrected copies prior to publishing and mailing.

The date of the official bond release inspection as required by NDCC 38-14.1-17(3) will be coordinated with your office. At this time it appears that the last full week of June might work the best.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Deutsch".

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division

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