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June 13, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Leingang:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 3 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office at **10:00 a.m., CDT on June 25, 2014** and then proceed to the tract. The Dakota Gasification Company is the surface owner of this property and it contains an inert waste land fill and a parking lot. This property is located in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 24, T145N, R88W, Mercer County. The bond release application contains 11.182 acres of land, of which most was not affected by mining related activities. The postmine land use of the tract is Industrial Land.

Since we received an AutoCAD drawing showing the boundaries of the proposed bond release area, staking the boundaries of this area in the field is not necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division

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Mr. Dave Sauer  
Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President  
Dakota Gasification Company  
P.O. Box 5540  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5540

Dear Mr. Sauer:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 3 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine. Dakota Gasification Company is the surface owner of this property and therefore you and/or your representative are welcome to participate in this inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office located north of Beulah at **10:00 a.m., CDT on June 25, 2014** and then proceed to the bond release tract.

This bond release tract, located in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 24, T145N, R88W, Mercer County, was used as an inert waste land fill site and was more recently converted to a parking lot. The bond release application contains 11.182 acres of land, of which most was not affected by mining related activities. The postmine land use of the tract is Industrial Land.

Please contact Guy Welch at 701-328-2298 or [gwelch@nd.gov](mailto:gwelch@nd.gov) if plan on attending so that you can be contacted in case of postponement or delay. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

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June 13, 2014

Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Director  
OSM Casper Field Office  
PO Box 11018  
150 East B Street - Room 1018  
Casper, WY 82602-5004

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 3 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine which consists of 11.2 acres of Industrial land located in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 24, T145N, R88W, Mercer County. Dakota Gasification Company (DGC) is the surface owner of this property and it was previously used as an inert waste site and a portion of the tract is currently used as a parking lot by DGC. Only a portion of this area was affected by mining related activities and this tract does not contain federal coal.

You and/or your representative are welcome to participate in this inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office located north of Beulah at **10:00 a.m., CDT on June 25, 2014** and then proceed to the property.

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Mercer County Commissioners  
Mercer County Courthouse  
PO Box 39  
Stanton, ND 58571

Dear Commissioners:

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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 final Bond Release Application No. 3 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine which consists of 11.2 acres of Industrial land located in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 24, T145N, R88W, Mercer County. Dakota Gasification Company (DGC) is the surface owner of this property and was previously used as an inert waste site and a portion of the tract is currently used as a parking lot by DGC. You and/or your representative are welcome to participate in this inspection. We will meet at the Coteau Properties Company's mine office located north of Beulah at **10:00 a.m., CDT on June 25, 2014** and then proceed to the property.

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