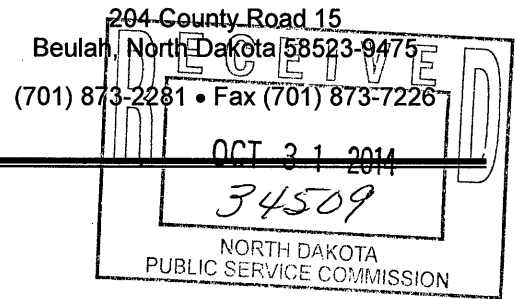


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FREEDOM MINE



October 30, 2014

Mr. James R. Deutsch  
Director Reclamation Division  
Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Department 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

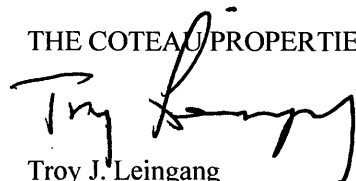
Enclosed are three DVD's containing revised Final Bond Release #3 to Permit NACT-8503. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your July 30, 2014 letter:

1. See revised Attachments III, IVa, and IVb.
2. See revised page 2 of Attachment VIIa. The water supply will not be replaced, and no verification is needed from the landowner because the well was decommissioned for purposes other than mining decades prior to any mining related activities on this tract.
3. See revised page 1 of Attachment VIIa, and revised Attachment VI.
4. See revised page 1 of Attachment VIIa.
5. See revised page 2 of Attachment VIIa.
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8. See revised page 3 of Attachment VIIa.
9. See revised page 3 of Attachment VIIa.
10. See revised page 2 of Attachment VIIa and revised pages 1-2 of Attachment VIIb. NDAC 69-05.2-22-07(3)(a) does not require this change as documented in your deficiency. This part of the administrative code applies to "native grassland, tame pastureland, and fish and wildlife habitat where the vegetation type is grassland..." The land use on this tract is industrial, and 73% ground cover of live species is all that is required. The changes were made, but not required under that section of the code.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Unruh or me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY



Troy J. Leingang  
Environmental Manager

LDR  
Enc.

cc: Shana Brost, Mercer County Auditor (w/enc.)