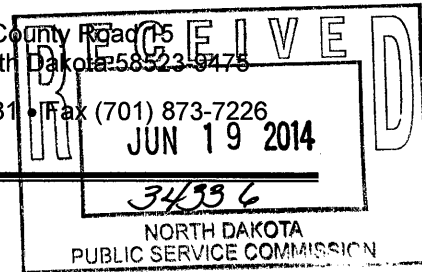


THE COTEAU
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FREEDOM MINE

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June 18, 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 Revision 18 to Permit NACT-0201. This revision updates environmental baseline information and adds detailed mining, operations, and reclamation plans for the northern portion of the permit area, along with a revised mining and reclamation plan for the southern portion of the permit area. The modifications are based on the need to move one of two draglines operating in the southern portion of the permit area to the northern portion to meet coal quality and coal production requirements. As part of this revision, approximately 120 acres in Section 11, T145N, R88W is being added from Permit NACT-9001 to Permit NACT-0201, as all the disturbance in this acreage is related to mining in Permit NACT-0201, and all mining and reclamation is complete in Permit NACT-9001. Also enclosed are the original application form and two certification letters.

The changes to the mine plan described in Revision 18 required Coteau to review and modify the post-mining topography in Mine Area 1, and develop a new post-mining topography in Mine Area 3. Coteau is requesting that you conduct a technical review of the proposed post-mining topography in Mine Area 1 during completeness review. Coteau plans to begin using the proposed post-mining topography in our backfilling and rough grading for the most recent coal removal years. We understand constructing the new topography will be at our own risk during this year's reclamation season, and we could be required to regrade these areas to a modified approved post-mining topography. However your prompt review of the area, through the 2014 coal removal line, will give us a better idea if changes may be required. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Michael Berg.

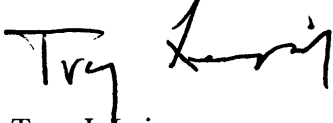
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The Consolidated Bonding Plan will be updated and submitted with Revision 27 to Permit NACT-0401 in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Leingang". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Troy J. Leingang
Environmental Manager

LDR
Enc.

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