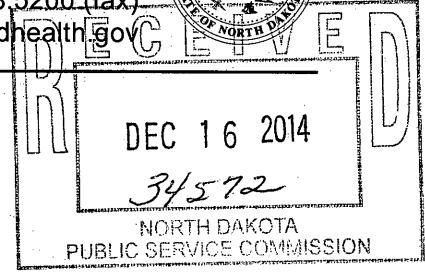




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RE: Revision 18 to Permit NACT-0201

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

We have reviewed the Coteau Properties Company's application for revision number 18 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0201. We have no objections to the updated revision that adds the following:

- Detailed mining and reclamation plans for the northern portion of the permit area and revisions to the mining and reclamation plans for the southern portion of the permit area including a 16-year temporary cessation of mining in a portion of this area
- Updates to baseline environmental resource information and adds 119.75 acres of undisturbed land currently in Permit NACT-9001 to the permit
- Modifies post-mining topography and post-mining land uses, and adds design plans for five sediment ponds, a sump and a diversion
- Updates the Surface Water Hydrologic section of the permit and shows all planned disturbances near intermittent and perennial streams in the Pit Layout and Facilities Map

At this time, the department has no further comments regarding this revision.

Sincerely,

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