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

Dear Mr. Leingang:

The Reclamation Division has completed its review of the latest submittal of Revision 27 to Permit NACT-0401 which updates the worst-case reclamation cost estimate for the consolidated bond area at the Freedom Mine. The proposed minimum bond amount for the consolidated bond area of \$143,733,543 was determined to be adequate. The appropriate bond documents to increase the total of Self Bond No.SB-9501-01 and Collateral Bond No.CB-9501-7 to at least this amount must be filed before Revisions No. 27 to NACT-0401 and No. 18 to NACT-0201 can be approved.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

cc: Lynelle Kraft

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