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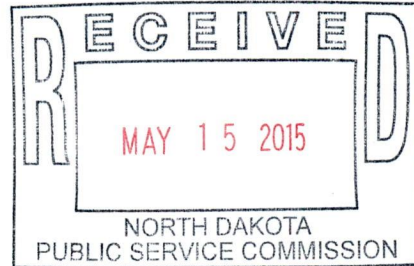
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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your May 13, 2015, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Coyote Creek Mining Company / RC-14-846. I hereby designate myself, Wade C. Mann, to be assigned as an administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter. Because the administrative law judge will not be making recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, or issuing a recommended order, the person or persons who will be making the final administrative decision in regard to this matter (*i.e.*, the commission) must be in attendance at the hearing.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated administrative law judge in care of the Office of Administrative Hearings, 2911 North 14th Street- Suite 303, Bismarck, ND 58503. I understand the informal hearing is scheduled for June 2, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room at the State Capitol. Because the administrative law judge is requested to conduct the hearing only, the agency must give proper notice of the hearing.

**Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20150224. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.**

Sincerely,

Wade C. Mann  
Director

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cc: Don Steffen, Coyote Creek Mining Company, LLC  
JJ England, counsel for Casey Voight  
Don Morrison, Dakota Resource Council

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Letter designating Administrative Law Judge

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