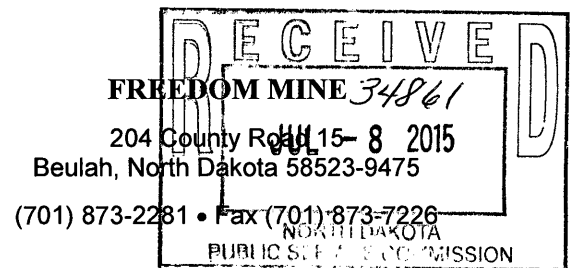


THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION



July 8, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are three sets of revised materials for Revision 30 to Permit NACT-8503. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your May 21, 2015 letter:

1. After further review, it was determined that Coteau's disturbance boundary does extend west from the box culverts installed to divert West Antelope Creek through the main haulroad to Permit NACT-0201. As a result, the deletion acreage was changed from 35.083 to 32.271 acres. See the revised Metes and Bounds Map (Sheets 1 and 2) of Section 1.1.3, the revised Surface and Coal Ownership Map of Section 1.2.3, the revised Extended Mining Plan Map of Section 2.1.1, the revised Pit Layout and Facilities Map of Section 3.1.5, the revised Total Water Management Plan Map of Section 3.6.3.a, the revised Post Mining Land Use Map of Section 4.1.2, revised pages 150-152 of Section 1.1.1, revised pages 1-2 of Section 1.1.2, revised pages 430-431 of Section 1.2.1, revised pages 1-44 of Section 1.2.2, revised pages 8-10 of Section 4.1.1, and revised page 1 of Section 4.1.3.
2. Monitoring wells MP85-P01 and MP85-P02, located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30, T145N, R87W, though included in the area proposed for deletion from the mining permit, will not be disturbed by construction of the proposed DGC urea project. The wells will remain in the network of ground water monitoring wells associated with the Freedom Mine, and continue to be used to collect ground water information from the Antelope Creek aquifer.
3. The production well installed by Mohl Drilling, Inc., located in the area proposed for deletion from the permit, was installed in August 2012 and then properly abandoned in June 2015. The production well was screened within two zones of the Antelope Creek aquifer, and was developed to serve as a source of supply for a water loadout facility. However, when informed by DGC of the impending urea project, the production well was never fully completed by The Coteau Properties Company. The area disturbed by the well installation was extremely small, consisting of the well boring site and adjacent cuttings pile. The well screens and casing were abandoned in-place by backfilling the well with granular bentonite, the well casing was cut off below the ground surface, and the site leveled to accommodate the proposed urea project.

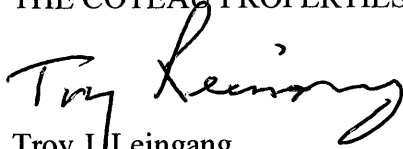
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4. See the revised Post Mining Land Use Map of Section 4.1.2.
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7. See revised page 1 of Section 4.1.3.

Also enclosed is a revised original application form.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY



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

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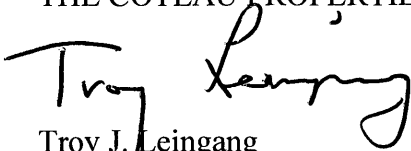
Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed as part of Revision 30 to Permit NACT-8503 are three sets of revised materials for Revision 31 to Permit NACT-8503. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your May 26, 2015 letter:

1. See the revised Post Mining Land Use Map of Section 4.1.2.
2. See the revised Post Mining Land Use Map of Section 4.1.2.
3. See the revised Post Mining Land Use Map of Section 4.1.2.
4. See revised page 1 of Section 4.1.3.

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