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Mr. Troy Leingang
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Coteau Properties Company
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Dear Mr. Leingang:

The Reclamation Division has completed its review of Coteau's response letter dated July 8, 2015 for Revision No. 30 to Permit NACT-8503. This revision proposes to delete 32.271 acres that have not been disturbed by Coteau's mining activities. The following item must be addressed prior to revision approval.

Section 4.1.2 Post Mining Land Use Map

1. Follow-up to Item No. 4: As previously requested, please update Table 4.1.3, Pre- and Post-Mining Land Use Acreage Comparison Summary, so that the information in the table is comprehensible. Coteau is removing the Revision 30 deletion acreage from the table but the acreage deleted with Revision 17 and bond released with Bond Release 2 is being retained in the table according to notes at the bottom of the table. Bond Release No. 3, approved November 20, 2014 and removed from the bond area in May of 2015, is not mentioned in the notes and Tracts 16 and 17 are mentioned in the notes but not depicted on the Post-Mining Land Use Map. Please revise so that all bond released and deleted acreages are treated consistently in the table. It is recommended that bond released and deleted columns be added to the table so that information is more easily understood. (GAW)

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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