

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Reclamation Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kalk
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FROM: Francisco Echeverria, Dean Moos and Jim Deutsch

DATE: August 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Application for Revision No. 30 to Permit NACT-8503 held by the Coteau Properties Company, Case No. RC-15-140

On April 9, 2015 Coteau Properties Company filed Revision No. 30 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 to delete 35.083 acres of land from the permit that have not been affected by surface coal mining and reclamation operations. Land is being deleted from the permit because it was not disturbed by mining activities and will be used by Dakota Gasification Plant for activities associated with the construction of its area plant.

Reclamation Division staff inspected the acreage proposed for deletion on April 23, 2015 to verify that the parcel has not been disturbed by mining or reclamation related activities. After this inspection proposed for deletion and further review by the Coteau Properties Company, the acreage proposed for deletion was changed from 35.083 to 32.271 acres as it was determined that a small acreage was disturbed by mining related activities. On July 8, 2015, Coteau modified Revision 30 to Permit NACT-8503 proposing to delete 32.271 acres from the permit.

The 32.271 acre parcel being deleted from the permit is described by metes and bounds attached to the approval form and can generally be described as located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T145N, R87W. Figure 1 below shows the deletion area.

This revision application was considered an insignificant revision application but requires Commission approval because of the acreage deletion. No bond adjustment is necessary as a result of this revision.

Attached for your consideration is the proposed motion for the September 2, 2015 Commission meeting and the revision approval form.

Attachments

Minedata/Freedom/Permits/NACT-8503/Revisions/No.30/Rev30_memo_8-27-15

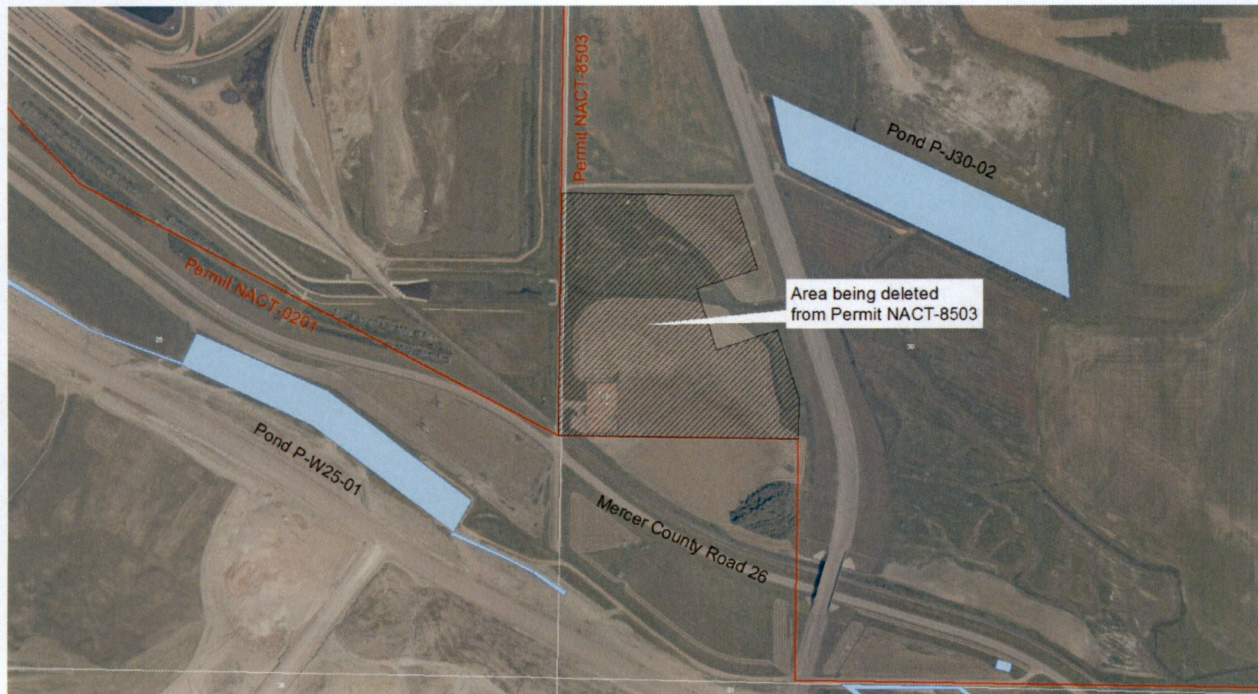


Figure 1: Hatched area is being deleted with Revision 30 to Permit NACT-8503.