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June 5, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Leingang:

The Reclamation Division has conducted a completeness review of the applications for Renewal No. 2 and Revision No. 29 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0401 at the Freedom Mine. The following items must be adequately addressed before the applications can be deemed complete and approval is granted to begin publication of the permit revision and renewal newspaper notice. Please respond in a timely manner so that processing of these time-sensitive applications can continue.

### **Renewal Application**

1. Please revise and correct the heading for the metes and bounds permit area description. Although the description lists the townships correctly as T145N and T146N, the heading lists the townships incorrectly as T144N and T145N. (FSE)

### **Section 1.2.5.6 - Newspaper Publication Notice**

2. The reference to USGS quadrangle maps covering the permit area in the third paragraph on page 1 of the notice is not required but it may be retained in the notice at your discretion; however, please reference the newspaper publication notice map (Section 1.2.5.7) that will be published with the notice, and remove the reference to the "proposed" permit area. (WTG)
3. As required by NDAC 69-05.2-11-02(1)(c), please reference Revision 29 and the renewal number in the first sentence of the third paragraph on page 46 of the notice as follows, "A copy of the Application for Revision 29 and Renewal 2 of Permit NACT-0401 is available ...". (WTG)

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**Section 1.2.5.7 - Newspaper Publication Notice Map - Revision 29/Renewal #2**

4. As required by NDAC 69-05.2-11-02(1)(c), please add Revision 29 to Renewal 2 in the last line of the map title. (WTG)

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division