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November 5, 2015

Mr. Donn Steffen
Engineering/Environmental Manager
Coyote Creek Mining Company
6502 17th St. SW
Zap, ND 58580

Dear Mr. Steffen:

Since the thirty-day time period to appeal the Commission's September 28th formal hearing order on Notice of Violation No. 1502 has expired, we are now refunding \$2,000 of the \$3,000 civil penalty that was initially assessed for this NOV. The \$3,000 you paid were being held in an escrow account at the Bank of North Dakota until final resolution of the matter. As you know, the Commission's order reduced the penalty to \$1,000. Enclosed is a check for \$2,000.16 issued by the Bank of North Dakota which includes two-thirds of the interest that was earned while the funds were held in escrow.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Deutsch".

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

Certified Mail

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