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September 29, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Leingang:

The Reclamation Division has completed an initial review of Final Bond Release Application No. 4 to Permit NACT-8503, which was submitted September 15, 2015. The items listed below must be addressed prior to publishing the legal advertisement.

Attachment III – Legal Advertisement

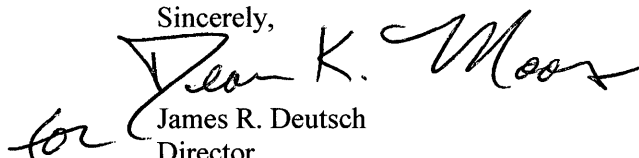
1. Please also revise the first sentence of advertisement to clarify that all stages of bond release, including final bond release, are being requested with this application as required by Policy Memorandum No. 9 to Mine Operators. (GAW)
2. Please list the acres disturbed by mining activities in the legal advertisement, and include a description of the reclamation work performed and results achieved as required by NDCC 38-14.1-17(1)(a)(4). (GAW)
3. Please revise the last sentence of the first paragraph which states that areas were affected by the removal of a sediment pond. These areas were affected prior to removal of the sediment pond. (GAW)

Attachment IV – Letters Sent by Coteau

4. Please revise the letters that are to be sent to the adjacent surface owners and government agencies to ensure sure they contain the same information that is required in the Legal Advertisement as required by Policy Memorandum No. 9 to Mine Operators. In other words, please update these letters with the same information being requested above for the Legal Advertisement. (GAW)

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,


for James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division