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Mr. Troy Leingang
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Coteau Properties Company
204 County Rd. 15
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Dear Mr. Leingang:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed Coteau's January 21st response to our December 29, 2015 technical review of the application for Final Bond Release No. 4 to Permit NACT-8503. The following items must be addressed before we recommend Commission action.

Attachment VII – General Information

1. Follow-up to item No. 2: Please revise Attachment VII to specify the acreage (4 acres) and map unit (8 Grail silty clay loam) of prime farmland that was disturbed during construction of sedimentation pond P-J30-02 and subsequently reclaimed. Please also specify where this prime farmland acreage will be replaced at the Freedom Mine so that the total aggregate acreage of reclaimed prime farmland will not be decreased from that which existed prior to mining based on the cooperative soil survey as required in part by NDAC 69-05.2-10-03(6)(c)(5). (WTG)
2. Follow-up to Item No. 8: The last paragraph of Attachment VII, General Information, has not been updated with the correct bond amount. Please revise to list the actual current bond amount. (FSE)

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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