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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 application for Renewal No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 at the Freedom Mine. The following item must be adequately addressed before the application can be deemed complete:

1. Please revise and resubmit the Renewal Application Form (SFN 10566) and public notice as required to provide accurate permit acreage on the application form and in the notice. Total permit acres provided on the form and notice is 1902.96 acres; however, this total does not account for 11.182 acres removed from the permit with Final Bond Release No. 3 to NACT-8503, and also does not account for the 32.271 undisturbed acres that were deleted from the permit with Revision No. 30 to NACT-8503. Our records show the total acreage within the permit at this time is 1859.507 acres. Please revise and resubmit the application form and newspaper notice with the corrected permit acreage. (BEB)

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division

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