

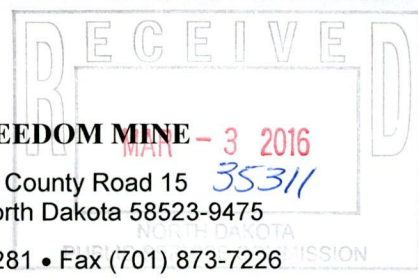
THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

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March 3, 2016

Mr. James R. Deutsch
Director Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are three copies of Revision 56 to Permit NACT-8102. The revision updates the permit for Renewal #7. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your February 5, 2016 letter:

1. See the revised index reflecting the location of the most recent permit information.
2. See revised page 2 of Section 1.2 of the original permit for an updated Certificate of Authenticity. See revised page 0.1 of Section 1.2.2 of the original permit for an updated Tract Index page. The following identifies the Tract updates:

Tract No.	Page No. to replace or add	Address change to surface and/or coal ownership	Corporate officers and/or registered agents change	Documentation added – Lease, Warranty Deed, AOE, or Other	Leasehold status change	Ownership or name change to surface and/or coal	Tract added, removed or tract description changed
1	4					X	
1	6.1	X					
1	6.2		X				
1*	6.4						
2A	218		X				
2A,B	218.1		X				
2B	218.1A		X				
2A,B	Add 252.5 and 252.6			X			
4A	262		X				
4A	262.1		X	X**			
5	308, 309	X					
5A	309.1		X				
5A	309.1A	X					
5B	309.1B		X				X
5B	309.1C	X					
5B*	309.1D						
6	390	X					
6A	390.1		X				X
6A	390.1A	X					
6A*	390.1B						
7	470		X				X
7	470.1	X					
7A	470.2	X					X
7A,B	470.3	X	X				X
7B	470.3A	X	X				
7B	470.3B	X					
8	505						X
8A	505.1	X					

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8B	505.1, 505.1A						X
9	534		X				X
9	535	X					
9*	535.1						
10	612		X				X
10	613	X					
11	645		X				X
11	645.1		X				
12	681					X	
12	682.2		X				
12*	682.4						
12A	682.5		X				
12A	682.10					X	
12A	682.13		X				
12A*	682.15						
12B	682.16		X				
12B	682.21					X	
12B	682.23		X				
12B*	682.24A						
13	959		X				
13,B	959.01		X				
13B	959.02		X				
15*	1015						
17	1107		X				

*Changes were cosmetic in nature.

**Added in text only

3. See revised Section 1.2.3 of the original permit. This section was replaced in its entirety. Also, see the revised Surface and Coal Ownership Map of Section 1.2.4 of the original permit.
4. See revised pages 5-10 and 19 of Section 1.2.5 of the original permit. Easement information was updated in the following Tracts: 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 6A, 7, 7A, 7B, 8A, and 14.
5. The PSC should have received a FedEx package Thursday, February 18, 2016 containing updates to North American Coal’s Consolidated Legal Information Report, along with an original copy of the Secretary’s Certificate. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Belinda Coleman.
6. See Section B-1 of this revision for updated Other Licenses and Permits.
7. This deficiency was addressed with Revision 55 to Permit NACT-8102 as submitted to your office on February 8, 2016.
8. See Section C-1 of this revision for updated Reclamation Schedule.
9. See Section C-2 of this revision for an updated List of Equipment.
10. See the revised Extending Mining Plan Map of Section C-3 of this revision.
11. This deficiency was addressed with Revision 55 to Permit NACT-8102 as submitted to your office on February 8, 2016.
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13. This deficiency was addressed with Revision 55 to Permit NACT-8102 as submitted to your office on February 8, 2016.
14. Western snowberry was not planted in the NE¼ of Section 18, but may have been respread in some areas and is present on this tract. However, specific locations and specialized management of these have not been tracked over time. Traditionally, western snowberry is not managed separately and usually indicative of overgrazing. Any western snowberry on this tract will continue to be managed and monitored in conjunction with the overall health of the native grassland tract. Requested changes were not made.

Also enclosed are the original application form and a proposed newspaper notification and map.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY



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Environmental Manager

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cc: Shana Brost, Mercer County Auditor (w/enc)