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Troy J. Leingang
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Dear Mr. Leingang:

The Reclamation Division has conducted a completeness review of the Renewal No. 7 application for Permit NACT-8102 at the Freedom Mine. The following items must be adequately addressed before the application can be deemed complete and approval is granted to begin publication of the permit renewal newspaper notice.

Newspaper Notice

1. Please revise the last two sentences of the notice introduction to clarify that the newspaper notice map depicts the permit area outline and the distance to Beulah. As currently written a reader may assume that a USGS quadrangle map depicts the permit area outline and the distance to Beulah. A USGS quadrangle map reference is no longer required for the newspaper notice although it may be retained in the notice at your discretion. (WTG)
2. It appears that the Tract 9 legal description should be more accurately described as the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 24 rather than the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ because the tract occupies portions of both the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24. Please review the description and revise it as necessary. (WTG)

Please contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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