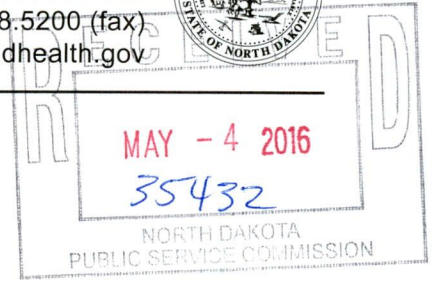




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RE: Revision 30 to Permit KRSB-8603

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

We have reviewed the Dakota Westmoreland Corporation's application for revision number 30 to Surface Coal Mining Permit KRSB-8603. We have no objection to the revision which updates the permit for the next 5-year permit term through August 2021; identifies the coal removal subarea that will be mined during the next 5-year permit term; and updates portions of the operations and reclamation plans. We recommend updating address for the ND State Health Department on page 1.4.49 of the permit.

At this time, the department has no further comments regarding this revision.

Sincerely,

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