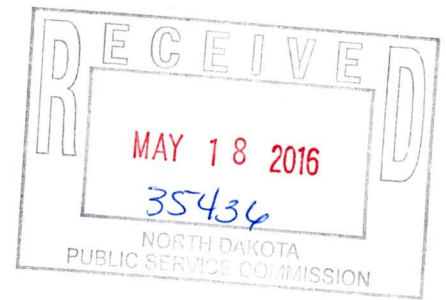




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May 18, 2016

Mr. James R. Deutsch, Director  
Reclamation Division  
Public Service Commission (VIA INSIDE MAIL)  
State Capitol Building  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

In an April 28, 2016 letter, you requested comments from the State Engineer regarding Revision No. 30 to permit KRSB-8603 held by Dakota Westmoreland Corporation for the Beulah Mine. This revision includes updates to several sections of the permit reflecting changes for the next 5-year mine permit term and the area that will be mined.

Reviews of mine permits with regard to groundwater and wells is made by a hydrologist in the Water Appropriations Division. Revision 30 includes updates to the groundwater hydrology section of the permit that contain additions to the summaries of wells installed in the general permit area for eight monitoring wells installed in 2008 and 2012, modified description of the hydrogeology of the area as a result of the inclusion of these wells, revisions to the probable hydrologic consequences of mining, and other minor changes. These revisions appear acceptable to this reviewer.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Weier  
Hydrologist, Water Appropriations Division

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