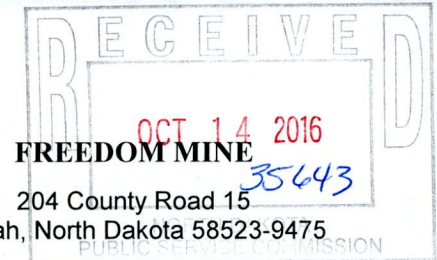


THE COTEAU
PROPERTIES COMPANY
A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION



October 12, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

In response to your October 4, 2016 letter, enclosed are three DVDs containing revised Final Bond Release #7 to Permit NACT-9101. Items 1-7 will be addressed at this time; however, technical deficiencies 8-19 will be addressed at a later date.

Attachment III – Legal Advertisement

1. *The first paragraph of the public notice incorrectly states that the permit is bonded for an amount totaling \$144 million. Please correct this amount since the consolidated bond amount is currently \$146 million. (GAW/BEB)*

Attachment III has been revised as requested.

2. *Please revise the second paragraph of the public notice to mention the postmining land uses, cropland and county road, and the results of the reclamation achieved as required by NDCC 38-14.1-17 (a)(1)(5). (GAW)*

Attachment III has been revised as requested.

3. *Please complete or remove the sentence structure error in the second paragraph which states "No coal was removed from the tract included in this bond release. that same year". (BEB/GAW/WTG)*

Attachment III has been revised as requested.

4. *As necessary, please describe in the public notice whether or not a portion of this bond release tract (northeast corner) was disturbed by mining activities and eventually reclaimed to existing County Road 27 or its Right-of-Way. (BEB)*

Attachment III has been revised as requested.

Attachment IV - Letters to Surface Owner and Government Agencies

5. *Please fix the hyperlinks to Attachments IVa and IVb so that the documents open as intended. (GAW/FSE/BEB/WTG)*

The hyperlinks for Attachments IVa and IVb have been fixed as requested.

6. *The first paragraph of the adjacent land owner notice letter incorrectly states that the permit is bonded for an amount totaling \$144 million. Please correct this amount since the consolidated bond amount is currently \$146 million. (GAW/BEB)*

Attachments IVa and IVb have been revised as requested.

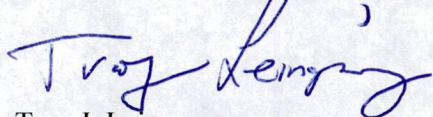
7. *Please make a minor clarification to the fourth paragraphs of Attachments IVa and IVb letters to state that written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference or public hearing on this bond release may be submitted within 30 days after the last publication of **"this notice the legal advertisement."** (WTG)*

Attachments IVa and IVb have been revised as requested.

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Torgerson or me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY



Troy J. Leingang
Environmental Manager

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Enc.

cc: Shana Brost, Mercer County Auditor (w/enc.)
Lynelle Kraft, NACoal Land Office (w/enc.)