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Ms. Sarah Flath
Environmental Manager
Coteau Properties Company
204 County Rd. 15
Beulah, ND 58523

Dear Ms. Flath:

The Reclamation Division reviewed Coteau's September 25, 2018 response to our December 21, 2017 technical review of Final Bond Release Application Number 7 to Permit NACT-9101. The following items must be addressed prior to this office recommending Commission action.

Attachment VIIIc – Yield Calculations and Test Weight Comparison

1. Follow-up to Item No. 3: We appreciate the effort to obtain an additional year of crop production information to resolve concerns with the supporting information for one of the demonstration years provided with the initial application; however, there are a few inconsistencies in the 2018 crop yield information. Please review the following and revise as necessary for consistency: (RLK)
 - a. The line added to the management table on page 1 of Attachment VIIIa for 2018 indicates the reclaimed crop field was planted to winter wheat but the Reclaimed Cropland Survey form provided in Attachment VIIIc and field observations made during 2018 indicate the field was planted to spring wheat.
 - b. The Control Area Expected Yield (31.9 bu/ac) provided for the 2018 vegetative productivity standards demonstration on page 1 of Attachment VIIIb is inconsistent with the information provided for the control area on page 7 of Attachment VIIIb that indicates the unadjusted weighted yield for the entire control area is 30.8 bu/ac.
 - c. The reclaimed field acres shown in the yield calculations for 2018 provided on page 1 of Attachment VIIIc (29.7 acres) is greater than the number of acres of cropland indicated on page 1 of Attachment VIIIa (29.179 acres) and on the reclaimed cropland survey provided on page 1 of Attachment VIIIc (29 acres).

- d. The control area acres used in the yield calculation for 2018 provided on page 1 of Attachment VIIIc (36 acres) is greater than the total acres shown for the control area on page 7 of Attachment VIIIb (34.6 acres).
2. Follow-up to Item No. 3: Please provide a copy of the elevator slips for the test weight and dockage sample results provided for 2018 in Attachment VIIIId. If the elevator slips are not available, indicate where the samples were tested, the test dates and information about the sample source and sample method (such as combine samples collected during harvest, a sample from a truckload delivered to an elevator or sample collected from a bin after harvest). (RLK)

Please address the items above using the established underline/strike-through, and highlighting format. In addition, please include a draft final clean copy of the bond release application without highlighting, strike-through or underlined language to expedite final review of the application.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



Dean K. Moos
Director
Reclamation Division