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Dean,

We have just completed our redesign PMT to Permit KRSB-8603. Given our recent coal contract changes, we will be working diligently to completely redo the permit from front to back. The permit redo from front to back will answer all outstanding questions for Revision No. 32 to the permit. I will give you periodic updates on the status of the permit as we work through the changes. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,



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Email response to March 16, 2021 email
Coteau Properties Company
Jesse Noel

Gentlemen,

We sent the completeness review letter for Revision No. 32 to Permit KRSB-8603 on February 5, 2019. As you're aware, this revision proposes post mine topography changes to the Gold Pit area among other things. Since that letter was sent, we have been made aware that the Heskett Plant plans to discontinue coal deliveries in 2021. We assume that would mean the end of mining activities at the Beulah Mine. If that is the case, we think that it would be appropriate to submit a reclamation/final closure plan for the Iron Pit with Revision 32. The approved postmine topography for the Iron Pit will likely change as a result of the entire pit sequence not being mined. The mine plan should also be revised to reflect the discontinuation of mining. The worst-case reclamation scenario and cost estimate will also need to be recalculated.

On another matter, we are concerned that Pond 85 Sump has not been reconstructed. These concerns are further heightened by the amount of snow cover and lack of melting weather up to this point. We encourage DWC to take the necessary measures to contain all the runoff in this pond.

As always, we are available to discuss any of these matters.

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