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March 11, 2020

Mr. Jay Volk
Environmental Manager
BNI Coal, LTD.
2360 35th Ave SW
Center, ND 58530-9499

Dear Mr. Volk:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 5 to Surface Coal Mining Permit BNCR-9401 at the Center Mine. Minnkota Power (surface owner), Advisory Committee members and County Commissioners have been invited to participate in the inspection. We will meet at the **Center Mine Office at 10:00 a.m. CDT on March 24, 2020.**

Bond Release application No. 5 to Permit BNCR-9401 is for 43.6 acres of land located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8 and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, T141N, R83W in Oliver County. The entire bond release tract is designated as industrial land use and contains Cell Number 4 of Minnkota Power Cooperative's FGD sludge disposal facility.

We will contact you in case of cancellation or weather delay. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Dean K. Moos
Director
Reclamation Division

cc: Greg Petrick (email)

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Minnkota Power Cooperative
5301 32nd Ave South
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Minnkota Power Cooperative:

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman
OSM Denver Field Office
PO Box 11018
150 East B Street
Casper, Wyoming 82601-7032

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

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Oliver County Commissioners
Oliver County Courthouse
PO Box 188
Center, ND 58530

Dear Commissioners:

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Bruce Schmidt, Extension Program Coordinator
NDSU Extension Service
ND State Soil Conservation Committee
2718 Gateway Avenue, Suite 304
Bismarck, ND 58503

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

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Mr. Dave Glatt, Director
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
918 East Divide Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505-1947

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Mr. Lynn Helms, Director
North Dakota Geological Survey
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

Dear Mr. Helms:

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Mr. Garland Erbele, P.E., State Engineer
North Dakota State Water Commission
900 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept 770
Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

Dear Mr. Erbele:

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