



# Public Service Commission State of North Dakota

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September 2, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Flath:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9001 at the Coteau Properties Company's Freedom Mine. We will meet in your office parking lot at **10:00 a.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 9, 2020**. The Mercer County Commissioners and Mercer County NRCS District Conservationist have been invited to participate. Social distancing protocol will be followed during this inspection.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Dean K. Moos  
Director  
Reclamation Division

CC: Kayla Torgerson (email only)  
Dillon Belisle (email only)

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Mercer County Commissioners  
Mercer County Courthouse  
PO Box 39  
Stanton, ND 58571

Dear Commissioners:

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The bond release application consists of 811.8 acres of land in Sections 1 and 2 of T145N, R88W, which is about 1 mile north of the Coteau Freedom Mine shop office complex. The property consists of 683 acres of reclaimed grassland, 3 reclaimed stock ponds, a reclaimed wetland, a portion of relocated County Road No. 15, and approximately 112.7 acres of undisturbed land. This property is owned by the Coteau Properties Company.

Contact Guy Welch at 701-328-2298 if you plan to attend so that you can be contacted in case of postponement or delay due to inclement weather.

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Lori Klein  
District Conservationist  
1400 Highway 49 North, No. 102  
Beulah, ND 58523

Dear District Conservationist:

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief  
OSM Denver Field Office  
PO Box 11018  
Casper, WY 82601-7032

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9001 at the Coteau Properties Company's Freedom Mine. You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this inspection. We will meet in the Coteau mine office parking lot at **10:00 a.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 9, 2020**. COVID 19 social distancing protocols will be practiced during this inspection.

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Contact Guy Welch at 701-328-2298 if OSM is planning to attend so that you can be contacted in case of postponement or delay due to inclement weather.

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Sincerely,

for Dean K. Moos  
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Enclosure: FBR 1 Application (DVD)



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September 2, 2020

Mr. Terry Steinwand  
Director  
North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
100 North Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

Dear Mr. Steinwand:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9001 at the Coteau Properties Company's Freedom Mine. You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this inspection. We will meet in the Coteau mine office parking lot at **10:00 a.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 9, 2020**. COVID 19 social distancing protocols will be practiced during this inspection.

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The enclosed DVD contains a copy of the bond release application and information regarding the reclaimed wetland can be found in Section XI.

Contact Guy Welch at 701-328-2298 if you plan to attend so that you can be contacted in case of postponement or delay due to inclement weather.

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Ken Miller  
Mercer County Road Superintendent  
County Highway Department Complex  
1809 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Beulah, ND 58523

Dear Mr. Miller:

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The Mercer County Commission opened relocated County Road 15, which is located on the south side of this bond release tract, to the public on April 6, 2016. We understand that your office inspected this road prior to the April 6, 2016 Mercer County Commission meeting.

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