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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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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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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zanna A Brinkman".

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

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

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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
Director
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Enclosure: FBR 1 Application (DVD)



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

Dear Mr. Steinwand:

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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 7th 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.

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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