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July 8, 2020

Mr. Scott Aberle, General Manager  
Dakota Westmoreland Corporation  
Beulah Mine  
PO Box 39  
Beulah, ND 58523-0039

Dear Mr. Aberle:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed Dakota Westmoreland Corporation's July 1, 2020 responses to our June 12, 2020 completeness review letter for the applications for Revision No. 32 and Renewal No. 6 to Permit KRSB-8802 at the Beulah Mine. The following items must be adequately addressed before the applications can be deemed complete and approval is granted to begin publication of the permit renewal newspaper notice. Please respond to these items in a timely manner to secure publication approval at the earliest opportunity. Please note that follow-up items reference the item number in our June 12, 2020 completeness review letter.

### **Section 1.4 - Business Entity Information Subsection B - Property Interest**

1. Follow-up (in part) to item No. 1: *Please revise Property Interests (Permit Area) on page 1.4.30 as necessary for what we understand is a recent surface ownership change, and coal or mineral ownership if applicable, in the S½ of Section 8, Township 143N, Range 87W (Oliver County).* The surface ownership change for the S½ of Section 8, Township 143N, Range 87W (Oliver County) was completed and inserted as page 1.4.28; however, original page 1.4.28 listing ownership for Sections 10 through 14 in Mercer County was deleted, and original (unchanged) page 1.4.30 listing Oliver County ownership was retained. Please revise Section 1.4 to retain pages 1.4.28 and 1.4.29 as unchanged Mercer County ownership, delete the original (unchanged) page 1.4.30 listing Oliver County ownership, and number Oliver County ownership with the surface ownership change completed for the S½ of Section 8 as page 1.4.30. (WTG)

### **Section 1.4 - Business Entity Information Subsection I - Permit Application Advertisement**

2. Follow-up to item No. 9: *We were unable to locate a map accompanying the notice in the Revision No. 32 application as required by NDAC 69-05.2-10-01(1)(b). Please*

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*provide a map for the notice, and add the map as page 1.4.61 of Section 1.4. The notice map approved for the Revision No. 30 and Renewal No 5 publication is enclosed for your information. This map would be acceptable for the Renewal No. 6 publication if the date and renewal number are revised, and the revision reference is deleted. Please delete the revision reference on the notice map. (WTG/GAW/PJR)*

Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



Dean K. Moos  
Director  
Reclamation Division

cc: Jesse Noel  
Mercer and Oliver County Auditors