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September 13, 2022

Ms. Sarah Flath
Environmental Manager
Coteau Properties Company
204 County Rd. 15
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Sarah.Flath@nacoal.com

Dear Ms. Flath:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9501 at the Coteau Properties Company's Freedom Mine. We will meet in your office parking lot at **9:30 a.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 28, 2022**. The surface owner, Mercer County Commissioners, and Mercer County NRCS District Conservationist have been invited to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Zanna A. Brinkman
Director
Reclamation Division

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

Dear Commissioners:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9501 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 **9:30 a.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 28, 2022.**

The bond release application consists of 162.5 acres in portions of Sections 15 and 16 of T146N, R88W, which is approximately 4 miles north of the Coteau Freedom Mine shop office complex. The property consists of 64.9 acres of reclaimed native grassland that includes a reclaimed stockpond, 0.4 acres, and 97.2 acres of undisturbed native grassland. This property is owned by Pfennig Properties LLLP.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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

Zanna A. Brinkman
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Lori Klein
District Conservationist
1400 Highway 49 North, No. 102
Beulah, ND 58523
Lori.Klein@nd.usda.gov

Dear District Conservationist:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9501 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 **9:30 a.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 28, 2022**.

The bond release application consists of 162.5 acres in portions of Sections 15 and 16 of T146N, R88W, which is approximately 5 miles northwest of the Coteau Freedom Mine shop office complex. The property consists of 64.9 acres of reclaimed native grassland that includes a reclaimed stockpond, 0.4 acres, and 97.2 acres of undisturbed native grassland. This property is owned by Pfennig Properties LLLP.

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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Sincerely,

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
OSM Denver Field Office
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Casper, WY 82601-7032
jfleischman@osmre.gov

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9501 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 **9:30 a.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 28, 2022.**

The bond release application consists of 162.5 acres in portions of Sections 15 and 16 of T146N, R88W, which is approximately 5 miles northwest of the Coteau Freedom Mine shop office complex. The property consists of 64.9 acres of reclaimed native grassland that includes a reclaimed stockpond, 0.4 acres, and 97.2 acres of undisturbed native grassland. The surface and coal associated with this tract is privately owned.

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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Sincerely,

Zanna A. Brinkman
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Ms. Gwen Dinkins
Pfennig Properties LLLP
5905 4th St. NW
Beulah, ND 58523

Dear Ms. Dinkins:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9501 at the Coteau Properties Company's Freedom Mine. As surface owner, you and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this final bond release inspection. We will meet in the Coteau mine office parking lot at **9:30 a.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 28, 2022.**

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