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Ms. Zanna Brinkman  
Director Reclamation Division  
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NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**RE: Completeness Review Responses for Revision 12 to NACC-1302**

Dear Ms. Brinkman:

Coyote Creek Mine submits the following responses to the completeness review of the application for Revision No. 12 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACC-1302 for The Coyote Creek Mine in your letter dated April 25, 2022.

**Table of Contents**

1. Please update the Printable Table of Contents for the following sections to account for new/updated sections: 2.2.1.2, 3.3.27, 3.3.27.1, 3.3.28, 3.3.28.1, 3.3.29, 3.3.29.1, and 4.2.4. Please update page 3 of 9 in Table of Contents to have Section 2.3.3 on its own line (it is currently in-line with Section 2.3.2.8). (BSM)

Please see the updated Table of Contents.

**Section 1.2 – Legal Information**

2. Please include a copy of the newspaper publication notice for Revision 12 in the permit, Section 1.2.4, Newspaper Publication Notice. (GAW)

Please see the updated Section 1.2.4 - Newspaper Publication Notice and new Section 1.2.4.5 - Newspaper Publication Notice Map for Revision 12.

3. Please revise the Revision No. 12 newspaper notice to mention that a variance from the contemporaneous reclamation requirements is being requested on approximately 21 acres in Section 6, Variance Area No. 7, design plans for three sediment ponds are being included in the permit, and the location of the haul roads and dragline corridors are being adjusted with Revision No. 12. (GAW)

Please see the updated Section 1.2.4 - Newspaper Publication Notice.

- 4. The third paragraph of the public notice states that surface and coal owners are listed in the notice, but only surface owners are listed in the public notice. Please correct this error. (GAW)**

Please see the updated Section 1.2.4 - Newspaper Publication Notice.

- 5. Casey and Julie Voigt's names are listed as surface owners twice for Tract 0018. It appears the last listing of the name could be removed. Please review and correct as necessary. (GAW)**

Casey and Julie Voigt are listed twice because they own 46.4% of the land, but the other 53.6% is subject to a contract for deed. So, to differentiate between the two types of ownership, they are listed twice. No changes were made.

#### **Section 1.3.5 – Other Licenses and Permits**

- 6. Please update addresses for the ND DEQ to 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324. (JAR)**

Please see the updated Section 1.3.5 – Other Licenses and Permits.

- 7. Please update the North Dakota State Water Commission to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources. (JWE)**

Please see the updated Section 1.3.5 – Other Licenses and Permits.

#### **Section 2.2.4 – Surface Water Hydrologic Reclamation Plan and Probable Hydrologic Consequences**

- 8. Please update Section 2.2.4, Surface Water Hydrologic Reclamation Plan and Probable Hydrologic Consequences, to address the changes proposed with Revision 12. This would include showing the revised topography on the Post-Mining Probable Hydrologic Consequences Map, and the Post-Mine Ephemeral Drain Map, Sections 2.2.4.2 and 2.2.4.4, respectively. Sections 2.2.4.5 and 2.2.4.6, Ephemeral Drain Summary and Profiles, should be updated to provide stability information for new or altered ephemeral drainages. The narratives in Section 2.2.4 and the post-mining watershed sizes listed in the tables in Section 2.2.4.3, Surface Water Probable Hydrologic Consequences Data, should be updated if watershed size changes are greater than a few acres. (GAW)**

Section 2.2.4.2 and 2.2.4.4 were updated with the revised topography. Section 2.2.4.5, Ephemeral Drain Summary was updated to show changes. Section 2.2.4 and 2.2.4.3 were updated with revised watershed changes.

#### **Section 3.1.1.3 – Reclamation Procedures and Schedule**

- 9. All the hyperlinks within Section 3.1.1.3, Reclamation Procedures and Schedule, do not open as intended. Please repair these hyperlinks to open as intended. (JAR)**

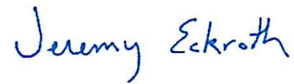
The section references within the permit narratives have never been linked. No changes were made.

**Other**

10. Please see the updated Section 3.1.3 - Pit Layout and Facility Map. Coyote Creek slightly updated the alignment of ramp 5 in sections 1 and 6. The change improved the haulroad grade and haul distance.

Sincerely,

**THE COYOTE CREEK MINING COMPANY, L.L.C**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremy Eckroth". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jeremy Eckroth  
Environmental Manager