



June 29, 2022

Ms. Zanna Brinkman
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Dear Ms. Brinkman:

The Coteau Properties Company's Final Bond Release #3 to Permit NACT-9501 in Mercer County, North Dakota, has been uploaded to Permit Services. A copy of this letter, along with the application form, have been mailed.

We look forward to your review and approval. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

/s/

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Environmental Specialist

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Bond Release 3 requests final bond release on 343.03 acres in Section 22, T146N, R88W
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APPLICATION FOR FINAL RELEASE OF BOND FOR SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
RECLAMATION DIVISION
SFN 19813 (1-2004)

Date
6/29/2022

Name of Permittee The Coteau Properties Company	Bond Release Number Final Bond Release #3	Permit Number NACT-9501	
Post Office Address 204 County Road 15	City Beulah	State ND	Zip Code 58523

Pursuant to the provisions of NDCC 38-14.1-17, the above named Permittee hereby makes Application for Final Release of Bond for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations for the above Bond Release Number and Permit Number.

Final release of bond is requested for the tracts clearly delineated on the attached map, **Attachment I**, which are particularly described by the attached metes and bounds descriptions, **Attachment II**, and as follows:

TRACT NUMBER	ACRES	LOCATION			
		SEC.	TWP.	RANGE	COUNTY
FBR 9501-146-88-22	343.03	22	146	88	Mercer
TOTAL ACRES	343.03				

Final release of bond for the completion of all reclamation requirements set forth by NDCC Chapter 38-14.1 and NDAC Article 69-06.2 in the amount of \$ -0- for the above-described tracts is requested for the following reasons (identify each tract number and provide separate reasons and the amount for each tract):

Reclamation is complete according to approved reclamation plans, and standards have been achieved. Therefore, all four stages of bond release are being requested. The stages are listed below.

- Stage 1 - Backfilling, Grading, and Drainage Control
- Stage 2 - SPGM Respread
- Stage 3 - Vegetation Establishment
- Stage 4 - Revegetation Success

ADDENDUM TO FINAL BOND RELEASE APPLICATION

ATTACHMENT _____

Bond Release Number Final Bond Release #3	Permit Number NACT-9501	Tract Number
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Attached is the following information for the above Bond Release Tract Number (check applicable types of information that is attached):

- A brief history of the approximate dates of: a) initial mining related disturbance, b) coal removal, c) grading within the tract, and d) law liability period. If more than one law liability period occurs in a tract, delineate the different reclamation law liability lines on a map and refer to the attachment.
- A postmining topographic map of the tract (**attach a separate map or refer to the attachment containing this information**).
- An aerial photo based map (or other pre-approved map) that delineates the tract, ownership boundaries, reclamation site types, topsoil and subsoil respread thicknesses, sampling locations for data collection, and any reference areas with soil mapping units identified (**attach a separate map or refer to the attachment containing this information**).
- Dates of all seedings within the tract, including identification of the date of the last augmented seeding.
- Species seeded and rates.
- Complete history of all management on the tract, including:
- a) Fertilizer use - types, rates and date of application.
 - b) Herbicide and other pesticide use - types, rates and date of application.
 - c) Grazing history - number of head and dates grazed.
 - d) Breaking of pre-cropland grass/legume stand - date and type of equipment used.
 - e) Crops harvested - types of crops, dates harvested and yields.
- Soil test results from the reclaimed tract and any reference areas.
- Details of the procedures used to develop the revegetation success standards for the tract, including:
- a) Soils map of the premine area used to derive the standard that also includes premine land use and property ownership boundaries.
 - b) Acreages of soil mapping units or range sites and calculations used to derive the standard.
- Establishment and management history of any reference areas.
- Methods (sampling or entire tract harvest) used to obtain vegetation data for the tract and any reference areas, including the following if sampling was done:
- a) Location of samples and delineation of sample units (site types).
 - b) Method used for sampling (e.g., first hit, ten-point frame).
 - c) Number of samples taken.
 - d) Calculation of sample adequacy with supporting raw data.
- Required vegetation data (as appropriate for the postmining land use, yield, cover, seasonality, diversity, woody species density, etc.) and evaluations (statistical calculations) for demonstrating reclamation success for the postmining land use of the tract.
- For recreational, residential, and institutional and commercial land uses, a discussion that shows the land use has been implemented (refer to county land use zoning approvals, any other required permits, current construction and use, written commitments by the landowner, etc. that are included in the permit). If these documents have not been incorporated into the permit, copies must be included in the bond release application.
- If bond release for vegetation establishment (Stage 3) has not been previously obtained for a tract containing a permanent impoundment, a discussion of how plans for sound future management of the impoundment have been implemented by the landowner or permittee as required by NDAC 69-05.2-12-12(7)(c). Include a written commitment from the landowner to follow a sound management plan for the impoundment.
- If bond release for vegetation establishment (Stage 3) has not been previously obtained, documentation that suspended solids are not being contributed to stream flow or runoff outside the permit area in excess of that allowed by NDAC 69-05.2-16-04.
- If any premine developed water supplies (surface or ground water) existed on the tract, describe the premine water supply and provide evidence that the water supply has been replaced on this tract or on another, or refer to plans that show where it will be replaced in the future.
- If any permanent impoundments are located within the tract, a demonstration that the water quality is suitable for the intended use of the impoundment.