



# Public Service Commission

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September 13, 2022

Ms. Sarah Flath  
Environmental Manager  
Coteau Properties Company  
204 County Rd. 15  
Beulah, ND 58523  
[Sarah.Flath@nacoal.com](mailto:Sarah.Flath@nacoal.com)

Dear Ms. Flath:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 3 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 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

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The bond release application consists of 343 acres in a portion of Section 22 of T146N, R88W, which is approximately 4 miles northwest of the Coteau Freedom Mine shop office complex. The property consists of 183 acres of reclaimed native grassland with two reclaimed stockponds, 1.2 acres, 6.0 acres of road right of way, and 152.6 acres of undisturbed land. This property is owned by the Coteau Properties Company.

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,

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Lori Klein  
District Conservationist  
1400 Highway 49 North, No. 102  
Beulah, ND 58523  
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Dear District Conservationist:

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Dear Mr. Fleischman:

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