



# Public Service Commission

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September 15, 2023

Mr. Michael Berg  
Environmental Supervisor  
Coteau Properties Company  
204 County Rd. 15  
Beulah, ND 58523-9475  
[michael.berg@nacoal.com](mailto:michael.berg@nacoal.com)

Dear Mr. Berg:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-1801 at the Coteau Properties Company's Freedom Mine. We will meet in your office parking lot at **9:30 a.m. CDT, Tuesday, September 26, 2023**. The Mercer County Commissioners, NDGF, and Mercer County NRCS District Conservationist have been invited to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

*for*

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. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-1801 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, Tuesday, September 26, 2023.**

The bond release application consists of approximately 198 acres in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$  and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 17 of T145N, R87W. This tract of land is approximately 3 miles east of the Coteau Freedom Mine shop office complex adjacent to County Road No. 21. The property consists of 125 acres of reclaimed tame pastureland, 5 acres of reclaimed county road, a reclaimed stockpond (1.5 acres), a reclaimed wetland (1.2 acres), 5 acres of reclaimed farmstead, and approximately 60 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.

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief  
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Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-1801 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, Tuesday, September 26, 2023**.

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Lori Klein  
District Conservationist  
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Beulah, ND 58523  
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Dear District Conservationist:

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Mr. Jeb Williams  
Director  
North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
100 North Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095  
[jwilliam@nd.gov](mailto:jwilliam@nd.gov)

Dear Mr. Williams:

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