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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
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Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has completed its technical review of Final Bond Release No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-1801 at the Coteau Properties Company's Freedom Mine and is anticipating recommending final bond release approval. A flash drive containing a copy of the bond release application is enclosed.

The bond release application consists of approximately 198 acres in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17 of T145N, R87W. The bond release area consists of 126.3 acres of reclaimed tame pastureland, 1.5 acres of reclaimed stockpond, 1.2 acres of reclaimed wetland, 5 acres of reclaimed county road, 5.23 acres of reclaimed farmstead, and approximately 59 acres of undisturbed land. The bond release area is owned by the Coteau Properties Company, and it does not contain any federal coal.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Emmer".

Jonathan Emmer
Director
Reclamation Division

Enclosure

cc via email only w/o enclosure: John Sieving (jsieving@osmre.gov)

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