

# Public Service Commission

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September 27, 2024

Mr. Michael Berg  
Environmental Manager  
Coteau Properties Company  
204 County Rd. 15  
Beulah, ND 58523  
michael.berg@nacoal.com

Dear Mr. Berg:

This is to inform you of the Commission's September 27, 2024 approval of Bond Release No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-1801 at the Freedom Mine, PSC Case No. RC-22-428. Final bond release has been approved for 197.938 acres of land located in a portion of the S½ of Section 17, T145N, R87W, Mercer County. The bond release will become effective on October 28, 2024, unless a formal hearing is requested.

The consolidated bond amount at the Freedom Mine will not be reduced due to continued mining and reclamation operations at the Freedom Mine. Self and Collateral Bond Riders, Forms SFN-19152 and SFN-19366 may be submitted after October 28, 2024 to reduce the bond area, if a formal hearing is not requested.

Enclosed is the original bond release award form. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

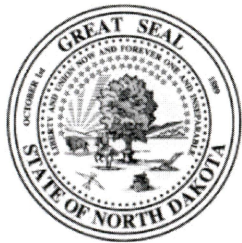
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Jonathan Emmer  
Director  
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cc via email only w/o enclosure: Dillon Belisle (dillon.belisle@nacoal.com)  
Mark Wallen (mark.wall@nacoal.com)

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Mercer County Commissioners  
Mercer County Courthouse  
410 Van Slyck Ave.  
PO Box 39  
Stanton, ND 58571

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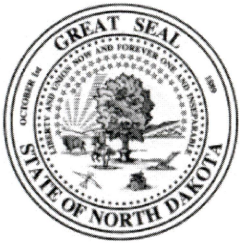
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Mr. Sean Cheatley  
Mayor  
120 Central Ave N  
P.O. Box 910  
Beulah, ND 58523-0910  
BeulahNDMayor@gmail.com

Dear Mayor:

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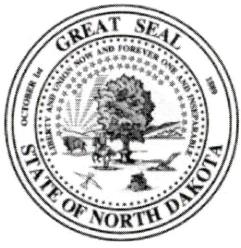
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Jerry Obenauer  
Commission President  
146 Main Street E  
P.O. Box 717  
Hazen, ND 58545-0717

Dear Commission President:

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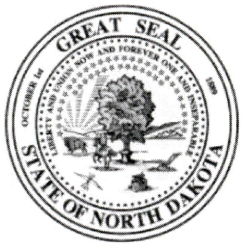
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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief  
Denver Field Division  
150 East B Street  
PO Box 11018  
Casper, WY 82601-7032  
jfleischman@osmre.gov

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

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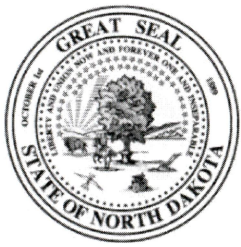
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Ms. Carmen Reed  
Mercer County Auditor  
PO Box 39  
Stanton, ND 58571  
creed@nd.gov

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