

Casey and Julie Voigt v. Coyote Creek Mining Company, LLC

Case No. RC-23-348

COY-037 Grade Approval Request

**Voigt Exhibit 15**

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John,

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This email is to request grade approval on an area of mining disturbance in the SE4 Section 25, T143N, R89W. Ownership is Voigt. The postmine landuse is native grassland. Coal mining took place in this area from July 2019 through September 2021.

Attached is a contour map with slope area hatch and the proposed soil respread depths, respread depths table, and lab analysis of overburden samples.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

**Samantha Becker**  
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Coyote Creek Mine

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**COYOTE CREEK MINE**

April 11, 2023

Ms. Zanna Brinkman  
Director Reclamation Division  
Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Department 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Ms. Brinkman:

Coyote Creek Mining Company, L.L.C. is requesting grade approval on 9.9892 acres located in Section 25, T143N, R89W Permit NACC-1302. The area is coded COY-037.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or need further information or assistance, please contact me.

Attached are:

1. A contour map of COY-037 with soil respreads depths and area slopes
2. Site history, acres by slope class, and respreads depth table
3. Lab analysis of overburden samples

In all correspondence, please reference area COY-037.

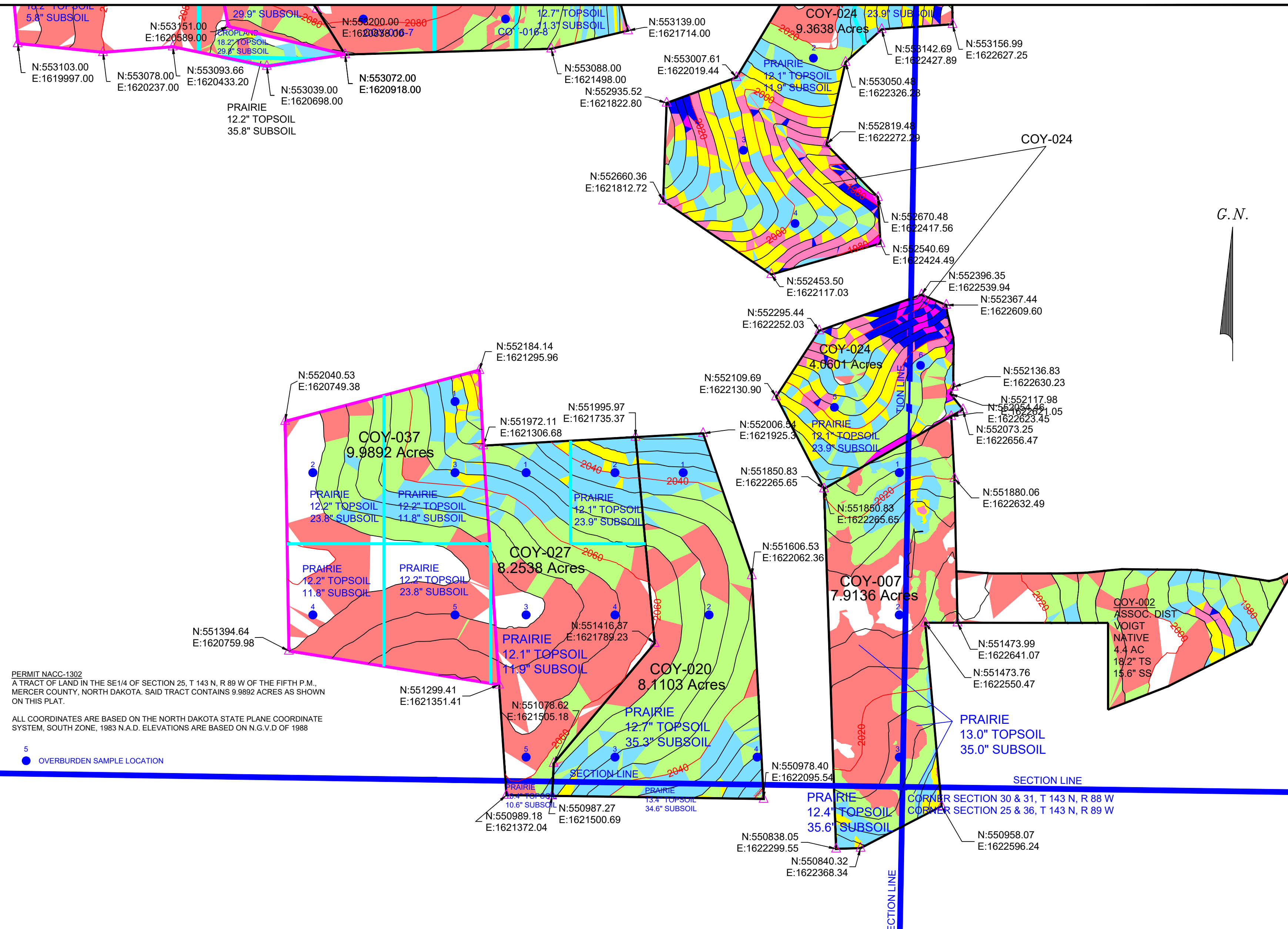
Sincerely,

COYOTE CREEK MINING COMPANY, L.L.C.



Samantha Becker  
Surveyor

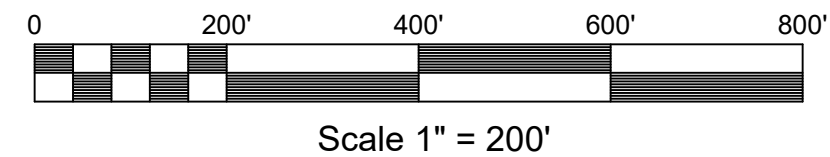
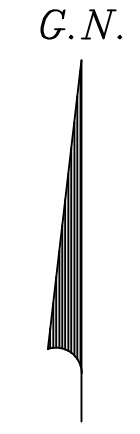
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PERMIT NACC-1302  
 A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 25, T 143 N, R 89 W OF THE FIFTH P.M.,  
 MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA. SAID TRACT CONTAINS 9.9892 ACRES AS SHOWN  
 ON THIS PLAT.

ALL COORDINATES ARE BASED ON THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE PLANE COORDINATE  
 SYSTEM, SOUTH ZONE, 1983 N.A.D. ELEVATIONS ARE BASED ON N.G.V.D OF 1988

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 ● OVERBURDEN SAMPLE LOCATION



	0-3 % SLOPE
	3-6 % SLOPE
	6-9 % SLOPE
	9-12 % SLOPE
	12-15 % SLOPE
	15-18 % SLOPE
	18-21 % SLOPE
	21-100 % SLOPE

9			
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3			
2			
1			
0	SMB	LAB	04/11/23
NO.	BY	APP'D	DATE
REVISIONS			

 <b>COYOTE CREEK MINE</b>	<b>COYOTE CREEK MINING COMPANY, L.L.C</b> 6502 17th Street SW Zap, ND 58580 (701) 873-7800 - Fax (701) 873-7810
<b>POST-MINING CONTOUR MAP</b>	
<b>COY-037</b>	
<b>NACC-1302</b>	
SCALE: 1" = 200' (Paper size 18"x24")    PROJECT: GRADING APPROVAL	

Acres by Slope Class								
9.9892 Acres	Weighted Average Slope	0-3%	3-6%	6-9%	9-12%	12-15%	15-21%	Over 21%
Premining	4.4%	2.7881	4.5719	2.5245	0.0464	0.0083	0.0500	0.0000
As-Surveyed Post Mining	5.6%	2.0318	3.9794	2.3966	1.2878	0.2658	0.02736	0.0004
Approved Post Mining	6.0%	1.3567	4.5185	2.4023	1.3014	0.3299	0.0803	0.0000

Coal mining took place in this area from July 2019 through September 2021. The area was regraded using dozers, scrapers, overburden trucks and motor graders. Steep overburden slopes will be scarified prior to subsoil respread.

SPGM respread operations will be conducted during dry conditions. Whenever possible, roadways and scraper trails will not be built on top of respread subsoil. If this is unavoidable, these areas will be scarified prior to topsoil respread. Subsoil will be scarified where necessary before topsoil respread to ensure a good rooting interface and at steep slopes. Topsoil will be worked after respread before it is seeded to the post-mine land use.

Soil will be respread according to the table of approved soil depths in the 2022 Soils Handling Plan. Ownership is Voigt. Respread depths for this package are summarized in the following tables:

Surface Ownership	Respread Thickness	Cropland Areas	Prairie Areas
			<b>9.9892</b>
Voigt	24" Respread Area		<b>5.0421</b>
	Topsoil		12.2"
	Subsoil		11.8"
Voigt	36" Respread Area		<b>4.9471</b>
	Topsoil		12.2"
	Subsoil		23.8"



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Tyler Barth  
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**Work Order Number:** 11002  
**Project Name:** Overburden

**Date Received:** 04/03/2023  
**Purchase Order:** 31945

Laboratory Number	Sample Description	Depth	EC @ 25C mmhos/cm	Cat/EC Ratio	Ca meq/L	Mg meq/L	Na meq/L	SAR	CCE wt%	pH	OM wt%	Texture	Sand %	Silt %	Clay %	Sat Percent
11002001	COY-037-1	12"	1.68	14.4	2.3	3.3	18.7	11.2		8.1		c	0.00	27.5	72.5	
11002002	COY-037-2	12"	2.48	15.1	3.6	4.6	29.2	14.4		8.2		c	12.5	40.0	47.5	
11002003	COY-037-3	12"	2.22	15.6	5.0	6.9	22.7	9.31		7.9		c	0.00	27.5	72.5	
11002004	COY-037-4	12"	1.62	14.7	2.5	3.7	17.5	9.94		8.0		c	7.50	27.5	65.0	
11002005	COY-037-5	12"	1.84	14.9	1.5	1.9	23.9	18.3		8.3		sic	2.50	50.0	47.5	

All data reported has been reviewed and approved by:

Stacy Zander, Bismarck Assistant Lab Manager Bismarck, ND

Texture Abbreviations: sic = silty clay sc = sandy clay cl = clay loam l = loam sil = silty loam ls = loamy sand c = clay sicl = silty clay loam scl = sandy clay loam si = silt s = sand sl = sandy loam

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