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THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

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December 10, 2024

Mr. Jonathan Emmer  
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Dear Mr. Emmer:

Revision 29 to Permit NACT-0201 has been uploaded to Permit Services. Deficiencies listed in your December 10, 2024, letter have been addressed, with responses listed below. All changes have been tracked in track changes and highlighted in pink.

**Section 4.1.2 - Post-Mining Topography and Land Use Map**

- 1. Follow-up to Item No. 4 of our October 8, 2024 technical review letter: Undisturbed native shrub and tree communities in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4 in Mine Area 1 are being mistakenly depicted as replacement woodlands W-W05-02 and W-W04-01, respectively, in Section 4.1.2 (Post-Mining Topography and Land Use Map). Please retain the brown line type that identifies the undisturbed native shrub and tree communities in these areas and properly depict replacement woodlands W-W05-02 and W-W04-01 in areas disturbed by mining. (GAW)*

Section 4.1.2 (Post-Mining Topography and Land Use Map) has been updated to depict the undisturbed woodlands in the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5 and the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4. Originally, replacement woodland plantings W-W05-02 and W-W04-01 were meant to replace the wooded draw in Sections 4 and 5. Since the wooded draw was avoided these plantings are no longer necessary and have been removed from Section 4.2.3.1 (Post-Mining Replacement Woodlands).

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If you have any questions, please contact this office.  
Sincerely,

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