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September 24, 2025

Mr. Michael Berg
Environmental Manager
Coteau Properties Company
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Dear Mr. Berg:

This letter is to inform you of the Commission's September 24, 2025 approval of Revision No. 29 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0201 held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine. Revision No. 29 modifies the post-mining topography, the post-mining land use, and updates the probable hydrologic consequences. The revision also updates the introductory, legal, financial, compliance information, environmental, operations, and reclamation sections of the permit.

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

Sincerely,

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

Jonathan Emmer
Director
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Enclosure

cc via email only: Mark Wallen (mark.wall@nacoal.com)

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Division
Office of Surface Mining
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Enclosed is a copy of the revision award form and a flash drive containing the approved revision. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

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

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Ms. Erica Trent
Natural Resources Specialist
Office of Surface Mining
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Dear Ms. Trent:

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Mr. Josh Alexander
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Billings Field Office
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Dear Mr. Alexander:

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ND Field Office
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Dear Mr. Kraft:

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Mr. David Glatt, P.E.
Director
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
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Dear Mr. Glatt:

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North Dakota Department of Water Resources
C/O Project Review
1200 Memorial Highway, Dept 770
Bismarck, ND 58504
dwrprojectreview@nd.gov

Dear Project Review Team:

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Ms. Carmen Reed
Mercer County Auditor
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Stanton, ND 58571
careed@nd.gov

Dear Ms. Reed:

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BeulahNDMayor@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Cheatley:

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Hazen City Commission
146 Main Street East
P.O. Box 717
Hazen, ND 58545

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Mr. Darnell Boeckel
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Dear Mr. Boeckel:

On June 4, 2024, you requested information regarding pending Revision 29 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0201, and this letter is to inform you of the Commission's September 24, 2025 approval of Revision No. 29 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0201 held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine. Revision No. 29 modifies the post-mining topography, the post-mining land use, and updates the probable hydrologic consequences. The revision also updates the introductory, legal, financial, compliance information, environmental, operations, and reclamation sections of the permit.

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