



# Public Service Commission

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Dear Mr. Wallen:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed Coteau's September 12, 2024 response to our initial review of Final Bond Release No. 2 to Permit NACT-1801. The following items must be addressed prior to publishing the public notice or notifying surface owners and governmental agencies. As previously stated, an inspection of the property as required by NDCC 38-14.1-17 will be delayed until the public notice has been published, notification letters have been mailed, and conditions allow for an evaluation of the reclamation completed.

## General

Follow-up to Item No. 1 of our August 7, 2024 review letter: The Bond Release Application continues to present Final Bond Release No. 2 as a single tract of land (FBR 1801-145-97-29-2) but the application includes two separate ownership tracts. Please revise the application form (SFN 19813), Attachments I through VI and IX through XIII such that the required information is provided individually for each tract. Language in Attachments III through XIII continues to reference the bond release as a single tract and the maps in the Attachments do not distinguish the bond release area as two separate tracts. Please refer to Final Bond Release No. 5 to Permit NACT-9101 as an example of how separate tracts are included in a bond release application. (AAC/PJR/WWS/SMN/GAW/JAR)

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

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