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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
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Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division is nearing completion of its technical review of Final Bond Release No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-1801 at the Coteau Properties Company's Freedom Mine and we anticipate recommending final bond release approval after Coteau addresses our latest deficiencies. A flash drive containing a copy of the bond release application is enclosed as well as a copy of our latest technical review letter.

The bond release application consists of approximately 377.6 acres in Section 29 of T145N, R87W, Mercer County, North Dakota. The bond release area consists of 199.3 acres of reclaimed tame pastureland which includes a 2.2-acre conservation tree planting, 4.6 acres of reclaimed stock ponds, 1 acre of reclaimed section line road, and 172.7 acres of undisturbed land. The bond release area is owned by the Coteau Properties Company and private ownership, and it does not contain any federal coal. A final copy of the bond release application will be sent to your office once the application is approved.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Emmer
Director
Reclamation Division

Enclosures

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