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June 18, 2025

Mr. Michael Berg
Environmental Manager
Coteau Properties Company
204 County Rd. 15
Beulah, ND 58523
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Dear Mr. Berg:

This is to inform you of the Commission's June 18, 2025 approval of Bond Release No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-1801 at the Freedom Mine, PSC Case No. RC-24-296. Final bond release has been approved for 377.6206 acres of land located in a portion of Section 29, T145N, R87W, Mercer County. The bond release will become effective July 18, 2025 unless a formal hearing is requested.

The consolidated bond amount at the Freedom Mine will not be reduced due to continued mining and reclamation operations at the Freedom Mine. Self and Collateral Bond Riders, Forms SFN-19152 and SFN-19366 may be submitted after July 18, 2025 to reduce the bond area, if a formal hearing is not requested.

Enclosed is the original bond release 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
Reclamation Division

Enclosure

cc via email only w/o enclosure: Dillon Belisle (dillon.belisle@nacoal.com)
Mark Wallen (mark.wall@nacoal.com)

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Mercer County Commissioners
Mercer County Courthouse
410 Van Slyck Ave.
PO Box 39
Stanton, ND 58571

Dear Commissioners:

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Mr. Sean Cheatley
Mayor
120 Central Ave N
P.O. Box 910
Beulah, ND 58523-0910
BeulahNDMayor@gmail.com

Dear Mayor:

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Jerry Obenauer
Commission President
146 Main Street E
P.O. Box 717
Hazen, ND 58545-0717

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Division
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Casper, WY 82601-7032
jfleischman@osmre.gov

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

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

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Ms. Carmen Reed
Mercer County Auditor
PO Box 39
Stanton, ND 58571
creed@nd.gov

Dear Ms. Reed:

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Kasey L. Butler
1141 Bierney Creek Rd.
Lakeside, MT 59922

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LAB Family LLLP
Travis Boeckel
517 Kambri Circle
Bismarck, ND 58504

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