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Mr. Ken and Jodi Thomas
1699 35th St. N
Velva ND, 58790-9175

Re: 2025 AML Reclamation Project near Velva

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I am an engineer with the North Dakota Public Service Commission Abandoned Mine Lands Division (AML). We are working with Mr. Cy Kittelson on a plan to reclaim the abandoned coal mine located in Section 1, T151N, R80W, adjacent to your property. I wish to visit with you about the upcoming reclamation project, explain the reclamation plan, and discuss its potential impact on the area. The AML Division also performed an AML reclamation project on your property in the SW ¼ of Section 6 in 2010.

The North Dakota AML program was formed as a result of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. Our objective is to eliminate hazards associated with abandoned surface and underground coal mines. This program is funded through a fee on actively mined coal.

Please give me call me at your earliest convenience at 701-425-4649 (Cell), 701-328-4188 (Office), or email me at mthowe@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Howe".

Michael Howe
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