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Mr. Dallas Grossman
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Dear Mr. Grossman,

The ND Public Service Commission Abandoned Mine Lands Division is reclaiming an abandoned surface coal mine 10 miles southwest of Velva, ND in 2025. Please see the attached map. We plan to discharge surface runoff which has accumulated in the final pits. We contacted Mr. Marty Haroldson (DEQ) about discharging the water. He offered us guidance on the applicable water quality testing analysis. I have attached the analysis results from MVTL.

We believe the discharge of this water would be covered by the NDPDES construction permit and the SWPPP plan, however, I want to verify this is correct. Are there any other concerns or items that we need to address before next year's construction season?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (701) 328-4188 or mthowe@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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Enclosures

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