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September 24, 2025

Mr. Michael Berg
Environmental Manager
Coteau Properties Company
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Dear Mr. Berg:

This letter is to inform you of the Commission's September 24, 2025 approval of Revision No. 52 and Renewal No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0401 held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine. Revision No. 52 identifies the coal removal areas for the next five-year permit term and updates the introductory information, legal information, business entity/compliance information, identification of interests and rights of entry, ground water hydrology, fish and wildlife resources, general operations, transportation facilities, surface water management, post-mining land use plans, and post-mining wetlands. Renewal No. 4 extends the permit term for another five years until September 26, 2030.

Revision No. 52 was considered a significant revision and was therefore subject to the public notice requirements. A bond adjustment was required for this revision, and the total bond amount was increased to \$215,000,000, which covers Permit NACT-0401 and other permits at the Freedom Mine.

Enclosed are the original award forms for the revision and permit renewal. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Emmer
Director
Reclamation Division

Enclosures

cc via email only: Mark Wallen (mark.wall@nacoal.com)

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Division
Office of Surface Mining
PO Box 11018
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Casper, WY 82601
jfleischman@osmre.gov

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

This letter is to inform you of the Commission's September 24, 2025 approval of Revision No. 52 and Renewal No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0401 held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine. Revision No. 52 identifies the coal removal areas for the next five-year permit term and updates the introductory information, legal information, business entity/compliance information, identification of interests and rights of entry, ground water hydrology, fish and wildlife resources, general operations, transportation facilities, surface water management, post-mining land use plans, and post-mining wetlands. Renewal No. 4 extends the permit term for another five years until September 26, 2030.

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Enclosed are copies of the revision and renewal award forms and a flash drive containing the approved revision application. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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

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Mr. David Glatt, P.E.
Director
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy Street
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Dear Mr. Glatt:

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North Dakota Department of Water Resources
C/O Project Review
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dwrprojectreview@nd.gov

Dear Project Review Team:

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Mr. Jeb Williams, Director
North Dakota Game and Fish Department
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Dear Mr. Williams:

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Mr. Luke Toso
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
3425 Miriam Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501-7926
luke_toso@fws.gov

Dear Mr. Toso:

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

Dear Ms. Reed:

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

Dear Mr. Cheatley:

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Hazen City Commission
146 Main Street East
P.O. Box 717
Hazen, ND 58545

Dear Commission:

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