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Mr. Michael Berg
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Dear Mr. Berg:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed Coteau’s August 4, 2025 response to the Reclamation Division’s July 17, 2025 completeness review for Revision 3 and Renewal 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-1801 for the Freedom Mine. The following item must be adequately addressed before the applications can be deemed complete and approval is granted to begin publication of the newspaper notice for the permit revision and renewal.

Section 1.2.5.2 – Newspaper Publication Notice – Revision 3/Renewal #1

1. Please remove “and coal” from the fourth paragraph on page one of Section 1.2.5.2 (Newspaper Publication Notice – Revision 3/Renewal #1) since coal owners are not listed in the publication notice. (WWS, PJR, GAW)

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Director
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