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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
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Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Coteau Properties Company has filed an application for Revision No. 3 and Renewal No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-1801 for the Freedom Mine. Revision No. 3 updates various sections of the permit for the next five-year permit term, including the legal information, certificate of liability insurance, business entity/compliance information, identification of interests and rights of entry, equipment list, and various sections in the permit to account for bond released acres. The next permit term is from February 17, 2026, to February 17, 2031.

Portions of Permit NACT-1801 are used to support mining activities in other permit areas at the Freedom Mine. Permit NACT-1801 contains leased federal coal, and the Office of Surface Mining must make a determination if this revision constitutes a mine plan modification. However, coal removal within the permit area has been completed, and all federal coal tracts consist of privately owned surface.

Enclosed is a USB flash drive containing the permit application for Revision No. 3. All updates to the permit are listed in Section 1.1.2 (Revision Summary Pages). We would appreciate any comments on the revision and renewal applications by November 3, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Emmer
Director
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Revision 3 Advisory Review Request Letter

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Dear Ms. Trent:

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