

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Reclamation Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart, and Kringstad
Brian Johnson, Executive Director
Chris Martens, General Counsel

FROM: Jonathan Emmer, ^{JE} Monty Johnson, ^{MT} and Warren Swenson, ^{US}

DATE: January 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Renewal 1 to Permit NACT-1801 held by The Coteau Properties Company,
Case No. RC-25-212

On June 19, 2025, the Reclamation Division received The Coteau Properties Company's application for Renewal No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-1801 to continue mining operations within the existing permit area until February 17, 2031. Permit NACT-1801 covers all or portions of Sections 12, 13, and 24 of T145N, R88W; and Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, and 30 of T145N, R87W, Mercer County, totaling approximately 4,696.58 acres. The Reclamation Division has completed its review of this five-year permit renewal and respectfully recommends that it be approved.

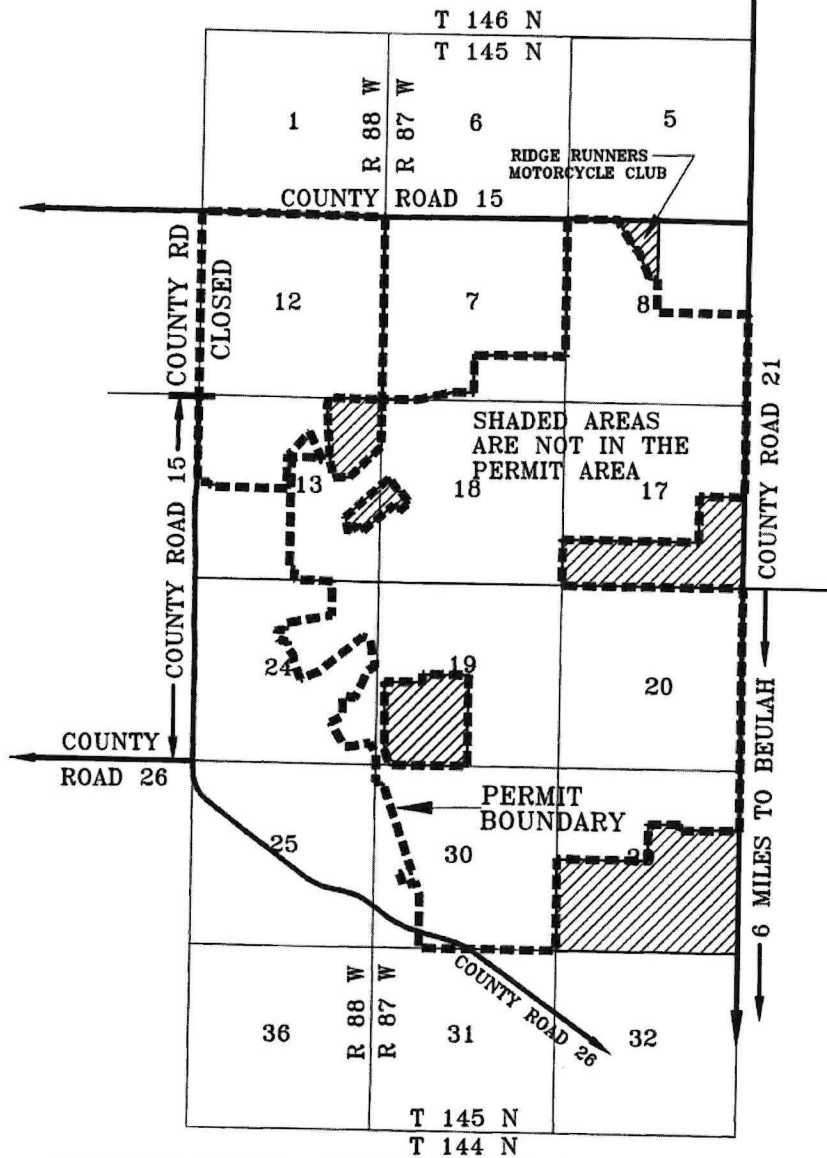
Coteau has applied for this five-year renewal because existing haulroads, stockpiles, sedimentation ponds, the shop/office complex, blasting storage area, coal handling facilities and other features used to support mining activities in other permit areas at the Freedom Mine are located within the NACT-1801 permit area. Various sections of Permit NACT-1801 were updated for the next five-year permit term and to account for bond released acres as part of Revision 3, which was submitted with the renewal application.

Coteau has submitted the affidavits of publication for the newspaper notice. We notified the appropriate agencies, affected landowners and the advisory committee members of this application. No technical deficiency comments from advisory committee members were received. No other comments or objections to this renewal application were received. Evidence of adequate performance bond and liability insurance are currently on file. The amount of bond that currently covers this and other permits at the Freedom Mine is \$215,000,000.

A map showing the location of this permit area is attached. Also attached for your consideration at the February 5th Commission meeting are the proposed motion and renewal approval forms.

Attachments

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NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION NOTICE MAP
 PERMIT NACT-1801
 REVISION 3
 RENEWAL 1

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