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Mr. Jesse Noel
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Dear Mr. Noel:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed Westmoreland Beulah Mine’s (WBM) April 16, 2025 response to our June 24, 2024 technical review of Revision No. 36 to permit KRSB-8603, and has determined the proposed postmining topographic changes are a significant alteration to the approved reclamation plan. Thus, pending Revision No. 36 to Permit KRSB-8603 is hereby deemed significant and subject to the notice, hearing and procedural requirements set forth in NDAC 69-05.2-10 and NDCC 38-14.1-18, 38-14.1-19, and 38-14.1-20.

Please submit a copy of the public notice for our review and approval. On February 18, 2025, the Reclamation Division advised WBM to update the reclamation schedule after Revision 36 is finalized. Since Revision 36 will become a significant revision based on the postmining topographic changes, it is appropriate to update the reclamation schedule at this time. Therefore, the public notice should also address WBM’s timeline for completing reclamation in the Iron, Silver, and Gold Pit Areas. The approved and proposed reclamation schedule (Section 3.8, Revision 35) states that the Silver Pit was to be completely reclaimed in 2024, but that was not accomplished. The public notice should include a list of the surface owners affected by the proposed topographic and reclamation timeline changes.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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