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Mr. Ed Coleman, Chief
Industrial & Energy Minerals Bureau
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
PO Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Re: Phase I Bond Release Request; Application #110

Dear Ed:

Westmoreland Resources, Inc. herewith submits an application for bond release for lands on which Phase I reclamation has been completed. The application was also submitted electronically. This application includes:


- A completed bond release request form.
- A copy of the proposed public notice and a commitment to submit an affidavit of publication pursuant to ARM 17.24 1111(5).
- A copy of the notification letter sent to the Big Horn County Commission.
- A copy of notification letters sent to adjoining land owners.
- A map with approved PMT showing the areas included in the bond release request.

A total of 392.0 acres is included in this bond release request. On these lands, applicable reclamation requirements have been completed in accordance with the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act, the rules and regulations adopted thereunder and, the approved mining and reclamation plan and permit for Absaloka Mine.

Present bond liability for Absaloka Mine is \$26,507,724.00. Submittal of this bond release application obviates the need to post additional bond due to increased diesel prices (MDEQ letter of 06/08/11).

We believe this bond release request is in compliance with applicable laws, regulations and permit conditions and look forward to a prompt inspection and approval.

Sincerely,


Darrel Myran
Vice President

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