



October 6, 2016

*Sent via electronic mail*

Mr. Bryce West  
Peabody Energy-Big Sky Coal Company  
Big Sky Coal Mine Area B  
701 Market Street  
St. Louis, MO 63101

sb C1983004CR

Permit ID: C1988004B  
Revision Type: Bond Release  
Permitting Action: Determination  
Subject: Completeness Determination; Bond Release #SL10, Phase I, II, III, and IV

Dear Bryce:

Following Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) review, we have determined that Bond Release Application #SL10, for Phase I, II, III, and IV release, is administratively complete. DEQ will therefore attempt to conduct a formal bond release inspection by November 7, 2016, weather allowing, pursuant to ARM 17.24.1113.

You may initiate the publication of the public notice. However, DEQ administrative staff recognized an error in the web address we originally provided you for our Public Comment Manager. Please change the link in the public notice from <http://deq.mine.mt.gov/publiccommentmanager/> to <http://svc.mt.gov/deq/publiccomment/>. Please ensure that [DEQCoal@mt.gov](mailto:DEQCoal@mt.gov) is copied in the email when the notice is sent to the newspaper.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Sjolund".

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