



May 13, 2016

Sent via electronic mail

Mr. Dave Kuzara
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Permit ID: C1985005
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: Deficiency
Subject: Completeness Deficiency; #SL19, Phase III

Dear Dave:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) reviewed Bond Release Application #SL19, for Phase III release to determine if all the appropriate rules have been addressed. The following deficiencies must be addressed before the application can be ruled complete:

- Application Section B1 lists RLI Insurance Company as a Bonding Agent (Bond No. RLB0012626). DEQ's database identifies this bond as inactive. Please verify and correct this page of the application if necessary.
- The only letters included with the application are to the Big Horn County Commissioners and DNRC. Permit maps indicate that additional landowners are associated with the bond release area. Please ensure that all affected landowners are notified and submit copies of notification letters to DEQ.
- The proposed Public Notice lists April 28, 2016, as the application submittal date. The application was dated and received by DEQ on May 2, 2016. Please correct.
- Due to updates to DEQ's website, the site containing electronic copies of Coal Section applications has changed from <http://www.deq.mt.gov/ea/coal.mcp> to <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/ea/coal>. Please update the proposed public notice to reflect this change.

Upon receipt of acceptable responses to these deficiencies, DEQ will determine the application to be complete.

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Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Sjolund". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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Subject: C1985005 SL19 Completeness Deficiency
Attachments: SL19_CompletenessDeficiency_05-13-16.pdf

Please see attached electronic correspondence. Have a great day!

Sharona Gilbert

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*The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men,
Gang aft agley ~Robert Burns*