



May 31, 2016

Sent via electronic mail

Mr. Dave Kuzara
Westmoreland Resources, Inc.
Absaloka Coal Mine
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Permit ID: C1985005
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: Determination
Subject: Completeness Determination; #SL19, Phase III

Dear Dave:

Following Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) review of your May 19, 2016, deficiency response, we have determined that Bond Release Application#SL19, for Phase III release on 1,939 acres, is administratively complete. DEQ has scheduled a formal inspection for June 29, 2016 (weather allowing) pursuant to ARM 17.24.1113.

You may initiate the publication of the public notice. Please ensure that DEQCoal@mt.gov is copied in the email when the notice is sent to the newspaper.

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

Sincerely,

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

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Subject: C1985005 SL19 Completeness Determination
Attachments: SL19_CompletenessDetermination_05-31-16.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*