



July 21, 2020

Sent via electronic mail

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c/o Land Department
P. O. Box 3001
Gillette, WY 82717

CC: Cloud Peak Energy Resources, LLC
606 Post Rd E #624
Westport, CT 06880

Permit ID: X2004321
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: Determination
Subject: Completeness Determination; Bond Release Application XB1

Dear Debbie:

Following Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) review, we have determined that Bond Release Application XB1, for full bond release on 52 drill holes totaling 5.2 acres is administratively complete. DEQ will need to conduct an inspection, pursuant to ARM 17.24.1017(5). As this is a relatively old permit, DEQ will need to inspect a representative sample of the drill hole locations. For those drill sites that cannot be viewed in person, an affidavit stating that there is no further reclamation required for the drilling operations in this permit, will be necessary from landowners with drill holes on their property. DEQ will contact you regarding inspection scheduling.

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 contact Mike Glenn (406) 444-3401 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt R J2".

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