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August 13, 2020

Mr. Matt Dorrington
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Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
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Permit ID: C1979012
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: SL14
Subject: Spring Creek Coal, LLC, Bond Release Application #SL14 Phase I

Dear Matt:

Spring Creek Coal LLC (SCC) is submitting bond release application SL14 for 37 acres of Phase I. SCC received concurrence for topsoil laydown on fields PAR 8H and 8I in October 2019. SCC seeded these fields during the spring of 2020. Table 1 below summarizes the fields and acres within this bond release application.

Table 1. Bond Release Acre Summary

Phase	Acres (<i>Rounded</i>)	Notes
I	27.3 (8H) + 9.6 (8I) = 37	Fields are located in Pit #4

Enclosed materials include:

- A bond release application form;
- A copy of the DRAFT public notice;
- A copy of the DRAFT adjacent surface landowner notification letters (along with the Big Horn County Commissioners);
- Narrative on the Phase I bond releases being sought; and
- A map (Exhibit 1) depicting the reclamation units for which bond release is being sought.

A total of 37 acres of Phase I are being requested at this time. 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 the Spring Creek Mine.

The current bond for the Spring Creek Mine is \$110,000,000 through MR248; SCC is requesting no reduction in bond at this time. However, successful bond release efforts are effective in documenting reclamation progress.

SCC believes the enclosed bond release application materials have been completed in accordance with all applicable requirements and we look forward to working with the Department on this request. Please feel free to call (406) 757-4234 or (307) 752-7501 if you have any questions.

Thank you,



LAURA ACKERMANN
Manager, Environmental
Spring Creek Coal LLC

Attachments

cc: OSM –Attn: Jeff Fleischman (Casper Field Office and Denver Office)

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Hello,

Bond release application SL14 (37 acres of Phase I only) has been submitted into the file transfer system for review. Please let me know if additional information is needed.

Thank you,

Gabe Johnson, PE
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