

OTTER CREEK MINE

17.24.302 FORMAT, DATA COLLECTION, AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

17.24.302(1)

Otter Creek Coal (OCC) complies with this Rule by supplying accurate, current, clear and concise information which is supported by appropriate reference material.

17.24.302(2)

All tests, analyses, surveys, and data collection carried out pursuant to these rules has been performed or certified by a qualified person using scientifically valid techniques approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and have been carried out at appropriate times and under appropriate conditions. Exhibit 302A includes qualification of organizations and individuals providing information submitted with this application.

17.24.302(3)

All chemical and physical laboratory analyses have been conducted by a laboratory using departmentally approved and standardized procedures. Otter Creek Coal (OCC) will make available to the department quality assurance information or duplicate or split samples, as required by the department.

17.24.302(4)

All technical data submitted in the application is accompanied by:

- (a) names and addresses of persons or organizations that collected and analyzed such data;
- (b) dates of the collection and analyses; and
- (c) descriptions of methodology used to collect and analyze the data.

17.24.302(5)

An application for a mining permit has been made on forms provided by the department.

17.24.302(6)

The application area includes two parcels of federal surface administered by BLM, but the coal is owned by the state of Montana, and is not subject to federal regulation. This application is being submitted in digital form.

17.24.302(7)

Unless a larger scale is required by the area depicted, maps have been prepared at scales of 1" = 650' for the application area since this is the largest scale that allows depicting the entire permit area on standard 36-inch paper. Smaller scales, typically 1" = 1000', 1" = 1500', or 1" = 2000' are utilized in cases where it is necessary to show adjacent areas. Because maps have been prepared digitally, scale may be adjusted electronically as required for review. Maps are prepared to be legible at full scale.

17.24.302(8)

With the information on land uses, soils, geology, vegetation, fish and wildlife, water quantity and quality, air quality, and archeological, cultural and historic features, the name, address, and position of officials of each private or academic research organization or governmental agency consulted in obtaining that information where applicable.

17.24.302(9)

Whenever used in the application, referenced materials have been provided to the department if not readily available to MDEQ. When provided, relevant portions of referenced published materials are presented briefly and concisely in the application by scanning or abstracting and with explicit citations.