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Sent via electronic mail

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Permit ID: C1984003B
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: Deficiency
Subject: SL19; First Round Completeness Deficiency

Dear Dicki:

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

On page 8 of the application under 17.24.1116(5), SL17 monetary release and bond calculation is referenced. Please update this section to reference SL19 and that no monetary release is requested at this time.

The 77.8-acre portion has drainages that differ significantly from PMT and premine. The approved design had incised drainages and existing topography has much wider, flat drainages that do not meet approved PMT. Provide justification for how the current topography sufficiently meets AOC or remove the area from SL19.

The 7.3-acre portion also differs significantly from PMT and premine. This area needs to be removed or sufficient justification for how the area meets AOC and a demonstration how it will connect with surrounding area PMT must be provided. A PMT change may be required for this area to remain as it is currently built.

Please modify the availability of the application portion of the landowner letters and public notice as follows:

The application is available for inspection at the Department of Environmental Quality office in Helena (1520 East Sixth Avenue). Electronic copies of the application may be requested by visiting the website <https://deq.mt.gov/mining/Programs/coal> or by emailing DEQCoal@mt.gov.

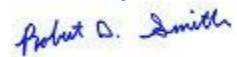
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Upon receipt of acceptable responses to these deficiencies, DEQ will determine the application to be complete.

Please feel free to contact Michael Glenn at (406) 444-3401 with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Please see attached correspondence. Have a great day!

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