

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC, a Montana corporation with offices west of Colstrip, Montana, has filed a request for partial bond release for Phase I reclamation work in Area C (C1985003C) of the Rosebud Mine, Colstrip, Montana under the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act and Permanent Regulatory Program. The Area C Surface Mine Permit was originally approved on August 20, 1982.

The proposed release area, containing 206 acres, more or less, is located within portions of the following legal descriptions:

The area for which partial release is requested is located in portions of the following sections:

Area C – Rosebud County

Phase I	
T1N, R40E	Sec. 2, 3, 9 and 10

Westmoreland Rosebud is requesting liability only reduction of the reclamation bond. The total amount of bond in effect for the permit area is \$41,250,000. All backfill and regrade was completed prior to and during 2023 in accordance with the approved plan. All drill holes have been properly abandoned.

The application is available for inspection at the Department of Environmental Quality office in Helena (1520 E 6th Avenue). Electronic copies of the application may be requested by visiting the website <https://deq.mt.gov/mining/Programs/coal>.

Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences maybe submitted by any person with an interest that is or may be adversely affected within 30 days of the last published announcement to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Coal Section, PO Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901 or by emailing [DEQCoal@mt.gov](mailto:DEQCoal@mt.gov).