

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 bond release. The request by Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC is for partial bond liability release. The request is for approximately 318 acres of Phase III reclamation release of Rosebud Mine Area C near Colstrip, Montana under the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act and Permanent Regulatory Program. Surface Mine Permit C1985003C was originally issued on August 20, 1982.

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

Area C – Rosebud County	
Phase III	
T1N, R39E	Sec. 1 and 2
T2N, R39E	Sec. 34 and 35

No monetary reduction in the reclamation bond is being requested at this time. The total amount of bond in effect for the Area C permit is \$41,250,000. Westmoreland has completed all reclamation as approved. All backfill, regrade, drainage control has been done; all soils have been replaced; revegetation has been established prior to or during 2020 and was completed in accordance with the approved Reclamation Plan. All drill holes have been properly abandoned, and noxious weeds are controlled in accordance with the approved plan.

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 and/or requests for informal conference on this application may be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, Coal Section, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 or by emailing DEQCoal@mt.gov within 30 days of receipt of this notice.