



# WESTERN ENERGY COMPANY

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Chris Yde  
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Department of Environmental Quality  
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**RE: Area B Permit Amendment**

Dear Chris:

Enclosed is a digital copy of the Area B Permit Amendment and the completed application. ARM sections and exhibits that have not been revised from the current SMP 86003B are not included with this application. Once the Department has deemed this application administratively complete, Western Energy Company will submit an updated bond calculation if the necessary.

Included in this submittal is:

ARM Sections (all changes are in red font)

*17.24.301 through 17.24.303* Legal, Financial, Compliance and Related Info – \*Please note in 17.24.303 – All AVS information is updated, the appropriate Certificate of Liability Insurance, and current Sworn Statements are all included.

*17.24.308* Operation Plan

*17.24.313* Reclamation Plan

*17.24.314* Hydrological Balance

*17.24.601 through 17.24.652* Transportation Facilities, Use of Explosives, and

Hydrology

Exhibits

*Exhibit A* – Area B Life of Mineplan

*Exhibit B* – B-East Postmine Topography with Drainage Basins

*Exhibit N-2* – Area B-East Premine and Postmine Stream Channel Profiles

*Exhibit T-2* – Area B-East Premine and Postmine Iso-slopes Maps

*Exhibit U-2* – Area B-East Premine Topography with Drainage Basins

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (406) 748-5124.

Sincerely,

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