



December 4, 2015

*Sent via electronic mail*

Ms. Dicki Peterson  
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Permit ID: C1986003A  
Revision Type: Bond Release  
Permitting Action: Deficiency  
Subject: First Round Acceptability Deficiency for Bond Release Application #SL14, Final Bond Release

Dear Dicki:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed Bond Release Application #SL14. It is DEQ's conclusion that Application #SL14 includes areas that are not currently eligible for bond release. These deficiencies include the following:

- Prior to bond release approval, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) Permit No. MT0023965 must be modified. As approval of Application #SL14 for final bond release will reduce the permit boundary, outfall relocation and/or addition will be necessary. If maintaining drainage control requires that portions of the bond release application be omitted, please provide an updated map and acreage.

In order to proceed with Application #SL14 in a timely manner, DEQ advises Western Energy Company to address the above deficiencies. Upon receipt of your response, an inspection may be required prior to DEQ determining the bond release to be acceptable. Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Sjolund".

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**Attachments:** SL14\_Acceptability\_Deficiency\_12-04-15.pdf

Please see attached electronic correspondence. Have a great day!

### Sharona Gilbert

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*The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men,  
Gang aft agley ~Robert Burns*