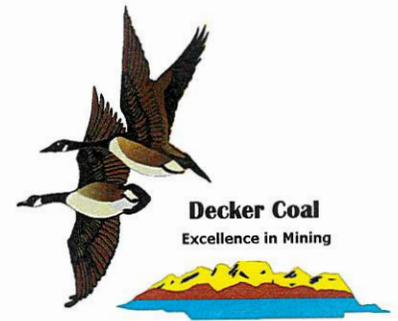


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Permitting Action: Permit Amendment AM2
Reference #: Completeness Deficiency 2 Response

Dear Chris:

Decker Coal is submitting this letter in response to the May 2, 2019 Round 2 Completeness Deficiency letter to the AM2 Amendment.

The following changes have been made to address the deficiencies:

303(1)(x): The last 3 paragraphs of the Public Notice have been modified as directed. **AM2 Permit Amendment Public Notice_R2** has been uploaded to the ePermit in *Admin/Proof of Publication 313(1)(x)*.

304(1)(b): Decker Coal completed an Ethnographic and Ethnohistoric overview of the proposed AM2 expansion area that was submitted with the AM2 Round 1 Completeness deficiencies response. The AM2 Round 2 Deficiency letter requests an ethnographic study done in coordination with local tribes regarding the project area. Decker Coal Company will complete the study of the project area after a Memorandum of Understanding to be used by all parties involved with the study is developed that is acceptable to both Decker Coal Company and MT DEQ.

313(1)(d): The Backfill and Grading Plan has been updated with correct Exhibit numbers for the Coal Creek, Middle Creek and Deer Creek designs. The revised document **313.1.d Backfill and Grading_AM2_2** has been uploaded to *Reclamation/Backfill and Grading Plan ((313(1)(d))*.

314(3): A revised Probable Hydrologic Consequences document has been created addressing all requirements stated in 17.24.314 (a) and (b), with details of the hydrologic consequences of mining the AM2 expansion area and the surrounding areas. The following items have been uploaded to the ePermit in *Reclamation/Protection of Hydrologic Balance/Probable Hydrologic Consequences Attachments* to update the PHC:

314.1 protection of the hydrologic balance_AM2R2, 314 Appendix A Hydrograph Figures 314-1 thru 314-74_AM2R2, 314 Appendix B Permitted Water Rights_AM2R2, 314 Appendix C Sediment Control Plan_AM2R2, 314 Appendix D East Decker Mine Groundwater Model_AM2, Ex 314_1 thru Ex 314_5_AM2R2, Ex 314_6 thru Ex 314_10_AM2R2, 314 Figures_AM2R2, 314 Tables_AM2R2.

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All maps that have been added through the ePermit system through Minor Revisions since opening AM2 that do not apply to the AM2 Amendment have been removed. A list of the deleted maps is included as *AM2 Maps Removed Comp R2*. This document is an attachment to the cover letter.

The surface drainage map, *EX 11_4 Surface Drainage_am2*, has been updated to reflect recent changes to the surface drainage plan that have been approved with Minor Revisions since the AM2 Amendment was opened. The pdf and dwg format maps have been uploaded to *Map Summary/Maps*.

Please call or email if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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