



August 8, 2017

Sent via electronic mail

Ms. Dicki Peterson
Western Energy Company
Rosebud Coal Mine Area B, C1984003B
P.O. Box 99
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Re: Deficiencies identified in Bond Release Application 16, Rosebud Coal Mine Area B.

Dear Ms. Peterson:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed Bond Release Application 16 and has also conducted an overview inspection of the application area during the April 2017 field inspection. It is DEQ's conclusion that Application 16 includes areas that are not eligible for bond release due to current commitments in the permit and the conditions of reclamation on the ground. These deficiencies were discussed during the April 20, 2017 inspection.

In order for DEQ to proceed with Application 16 in a timely manner, DEQ advises Western Energy Company to address the comments associated with the inspection report.

Please contact me at 406-444-7444, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert D. Smith".

Robert D. Smith, Permit Coordinator
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Attachments: SL16_Deficiency_08-08-17.pdf

Please see attached electronic correspondence. Have a great day!

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