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Permit ID: C1979012  
Revision Type: Amendment  
Permitting Action: Deficiency  
Subject: APPAM5; Arrowhead Amendment-Round 5 Acceptability Deficiency

Dear Gabe:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed its acceptability review regarding Spring Creek Coal LLC's application for Amendment APPAM5. The following deficiency must be adequately addressed before DEQ can determine the application acceptable:

**ARM 17.24.313(1)(h)(x) and ARM 17.24.724(3)**: The updated materials did include the appendices to Addendum 313B. The permit language that was included did not have the updated language from the last deficiency which explained the basis for the cropland standard. Please re-submit Addendum 313B with the updated permit language regarding the cropland standard and have the appendices included.

Upon receipt of satisfactory responses to these deficiencies, DEQ will determine the application to be acceptable.

Please feel free to contact Robert D. Smith at 406-444-7444 with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Yde".

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