



April 10, 2020

Sent via electronic mail

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Permit ID: C1979012
Revision Type: N/A
Permitting Action: Extension
Subject: 2020 Annual Bond Calculation

Dear Laura:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed your request for extension of May 15, 2020 to provide the 2020 Annual Bond Calculation as required by your permit commitment which states, "Spring Creek Mine (SCM) will adjust the amount of the reclamation bond on a yearly basis. This yearly adjustment precludes the need for factoring in inflation or calculating worst case mining liabilities. The revised bond estimate will be submitted for Department approval, as a minor revision to the permit on or before April 15 of each year."

Based on the current circumstances associated with COVID-19 shelter in place requirements, DEQ approves the requested extension to provide the bond calculation until May 15, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Dorrington".

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Subject: C1979012 2020 Annual Bond Calculation Extension
Attachments: Extension for 2020 bond calculation.pdf

Please see attached correspondence. Have a great day!

Sharona Gilbert

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