

June 3, 2026

Emily Lodman,
Coal Section, Supervisor
Department of Environmental Quality
1520 East Sixth Ave
PO Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Permit ID: C1985003C
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: Deficiency
Subject: SL 26; First Round Completeness Deficiency

Dear Ms. Lodman:

In response to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality first round completeness deficiency Bond Release for SL 26 in Area C dated February 2, 2026. Westmoreland Rosebud Mining has the following response.

82-4-232(6)(a), MCA: Please include the full list of landowners for Rosebud Coal Mine Area C, not just the sections for bond release. DEQ would like to include all landowners to ensure coverage for the release area.

MCA82-4-232 (6) (a) (i) The permittee may file an application with the department for the release of all or part of a performance bond. The application must contain a proposed public notice of the precise location of the land affected, the number of acres for which bond release is sought, the permit and the date approved, the amount of the bond filed and the portion sought to be released, the type and appropriate dates of reclamation work performed, and a description of the results achieved as they relate to the permittee's approved reclamation plan. The description of the results may include other information or methods, including predictive modeling, which may be used in conjunction with monitoring data compiled for the performance bond release application to demonstrate compliance with the approved reclamation plan.

(ii) As part of any bond release application, the permittee shall submit copies of letters that the permittee has sent to adjoining property owners, local governmental bodies, planning agencies, and sewage and water treatment authorities or water companies in the locality of the operation, notifying them of the permittee's intention to seek release from the bond.

WRM has included the landowners directly surrounding the parcels being sought after for bond release. If DEQ is looking for a complete list of landowners within the permit boundary, WRM would point them to the updated list of landowners found in the permit. WRM has updated the list of all landowners across the permit boundary.

82-4-232(6)(b)(i), MCA: Please include an earthwork volume calculation which demonstrates the earthwork done in the bond release areas since the last submitted



annual bond calculation.

*MCA82-4-232 (6) (b) The department shall determine whether the application is administratively complete. An application is administratively complete if it includes:
(i) the location and acreage of the land for which bond release is sought;*

The location and acreage of the land for which bond release is being sought can be found on the maps included in the submittal as well as the application. Specifically, the physical location is described in the application attachments #1 – Legal Description down to the ¼ section as necessary.

ARM 17.24.1112(d): The \$12.25M bond release listed on the cover page of the application does not match the bond release amount listed to be sought on the public notice. Please ensure the calculation supports the requested amount and modify application materials to be consistent with updated numbers.

The change has been made to the public notice it was not found to be incorrect in any other location.

ARM 17.24.1112(d): The amount of bond release requested needs to be included in the public notice. The specific name of the local library should also be included in both the public notice and the landowner letters.

The change has been made to the public notice it was not found to be incorrect in any other location.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Garvin at 406-748-5153.

Sincerely,

Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC

Wade Steere, *Environmental Permitting Manager, Rosebud Mine*

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Enclosure: C1984003B SL26 SMP Bond Release Form – Attachment Deficiency Response 1.pdf

Gilbert, Sharona

From: Transfer Service
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SENT FROM:	Noelle Boyer (nboyer@westmoreland.com)
MESSAGE:	Please see the attached Westmoreland Rosebud Mine SL 26 Deficiency Response 06-03-2026 in Area C.

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December 4, 2025

Ms. Emily Lodman, Supervisor
Coal and Uranium Program
Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau
Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Permit ID: C1985003C
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: Submittal
Subject: SL 26: Phase I

Dear Ms. Lodman:

Westmoreland Rosebud hereby submits bond release application SL26 for partial release of approximately 199 acres Phase I bond release within Area C of the Rosebud Mine.

Westmoreland Rosebud Mining is requesting \$12,250,000.00 to be released. \$29,000,000.00 will remain held by the DEQ for the Area C permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Garvin at 406-748-5153.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Kuzara", with a long, sweeping underline.

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