



July 22, 2022

Sent via electronic mail

Sabrina Temple
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West Decker Coal Mine
P.O. Box 12
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Permit ID: C1987001C
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: Determination
Subject: SL8; Completeness Determination

Dear Sabrina:

Following Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) review, we have determined that Bond Release Application SL8, for Phase III release on 1,700 acres, is administratively complete. DEQ will therefore attempt to conduct a formal bond release inspection by August 24, 2022, weather allowing, pursuant to ARM 17.24.1113.

Though there were errors noted in the reporting of data, DEQ confirmed that the analysis was correct for phase III vegetation standards.

You may initiate the publication of the public notice. Please ensure that DEQCoal@mt.gov is copied in the email when the notice is sent to the newspaper.

Please feel free to contact Michael Glenn at (406) 444-3401 with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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

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Please see attached correspondence. Have a great day!

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