



November 3, 2022

Sent via electronic mail

Dicki Peterson
Westmoreland Rosebud Mining, LLC
Western Energy-322
P.O. Box 99
Colstrip, MT 59323-0099

Permit ID: X2004322
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: Determination
Subject: XB3; Completeness Determination

Dear Dicki Peterson:

Following Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) review, we have determined that Bond Release Application XB3, for full bond release on 80 drill holes totaling 55 acres is administratively complete. DEQ will contact you regarding inspection scheduling, pursuant to ARM 17.24.1017(5).

Thank you for the clarification on the legal description. Please ensure that both the landowner letters and the public notice have the full description from the bond document:
T1N, R39E Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6
T2N, R39E Sections 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34
T1N, R40E Sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, and 36

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 A. Smith".

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Cc: Jeff Fleischman, Office of Surface Mining
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Gilbert, Sharona

From: Gilbert, Sharona
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 11:12 AM
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Subject: X2004322 XB3 Completeness Determination
Attachments: XB3_CompletenessDeterminationLetter.pdf

Please see attached correspondence. Have a great day!

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