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Permit ID: C2012018
Revision Type: New Permit
Permitting Action: Deficiency
Subject: First Round Acceptability Deficiency; Otter Creek Permit

Dear Chris:

On October 28, 2014, Otter Creek Coal, LLC (OCC) submitted its response to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) April 12, 2013, correspondence identifying certain deficiencies in the Otter Creek Mine permit application.

OCC is withdrawing its October 28, 2014, response and substituting the present response. OCC's October 28 response, in an effort to facilitate review and simplify the electronic transfer process, was provided to DEQ on an external hard drive. Provision of the response on an external hard drive, however, inadvertently resulted in missing or corrupted files, complicating DEQ's efforts to review the response and publicize the response on DEQ's website. Additionally, after the transfer, DEQ returned the external hard drive to OCC.

To ensure the integrity of the data in OCC's response, to address issues encountered with the previous file download and transfer process, and to ensure DEQ has a full opportunity to review and assess OCC's response for acceptability, OCC is substituting its October 28 response with the present response, dated November 19, 2014. The present response is being furnished on multiple DVD's that DEQ may retain in its possession. This substituted response should facilitate the review process, both by DEQ and by the public, and alleviate the complications arising in the October 28 response.

Sincerely,

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