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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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July 14, 2015

William A. Bear
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P.O. Box 483
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**Re: Bowie No. 2 Mine (Permit No. C-1996-083)
Bond Release Application No. 1 (SL-1)**

Dear Mr. Bear:

We have received your application for bond release at the Bowie No. 2 Mine. Our initial review indicates that all preliminary items required by Rule 3.03.2(1) have not been submitted. Thus, your application is incomplete for the purposes of filing as of July 14, 2015.

Items required determining the application complete:

1. DRMS Initial Comment - The SL-1 bond release application states that there are 184 drill holes and 2 shafts that have been permanently abandoned and sealed that are eligible for Phase I, II, and III bond release. No acreage amount was identified for the 184 drill sites nor the two shafts proposed to be eligible for Phase I, II, and III bond release. Please revise the bond release application to include the total number of acres associated with all lands requested for bond release.

BRL Response - Drill holes and the two shafts were permitted separately from their associated drill pad disturbance and shaft site disturbance. The bond release application indicated there are over 50 acres of drill sites eligible for phase I or phase II release. Most of the drill holes eligible for bond release are located on one of the drill sites eligible for bond release. Some of the drill holes eligible for bond release were drilled within the confines of a road and some are located on drill sites that are not subject to this bond release application. The bond release application also states the Hubbard Creek and Freeman Gulch shaft sites are eligible for bond release. The sealed shafts lie under the reclaimed shaft site disturbance.



DRMS Comment - This response is adequate for a completeness determination.

2. As a part of the SL-1 bond release application, the revised Bowie No. 2 Mine 2014 Annual Reclamation Report map was included. The 184 drill holes and two shafts proposed to be eligible for Phase I, II, and III are not delineated on the map. In addition, the 7.4 acres on gob pile #1 and #2 proposed to be eligible for Phase I bond release were not delineated on the map. Please submit a map or revise the submitted map to include all areas in which bond release is requested.

BRL Response – The drill holes are now delineated on the map by sequential numbers with a circular yellow background. Text was added next to the two shaft sites indicating they were eligible for bond release. Text was added next to the areas on gob #1 and #2 indicating the outlined areas are eligible for bond release. The 7.4 acre figure is the total of 6.2 acres of the southeast side of gob pile #2 and 1.2 acres on gob pile #1.

DRMS Comment – This response is adequate for a completeness determination.

3. Based on the responses to DRMS comments #1 and #2 above the Division has determined that the Certificate of Service will require a revision and the notice of intention to seek release from bond will be required to be sent to additional land owners before a completeness determination can be made. Please submit a new Certificate of Service confirming that all adjoining property owners, surface owners, appropriate local government bodies, municipalities, regional planning commissions, boards of county commissioners, county planning agencies, sewage and water treatment authorities, and water conservancy and water conservation districts per Rule 3.03.2(1).

In accordance with Rule 3.03.2(1)(d), you have the opportunity to amend, review, or otherwise make your application complete.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Musick".

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