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Seneca II W Mine, C-1982-057, First Quarter 2017 Pond Inspection Report Review Letter

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Musick - DNR, Jason <jason.musick@state.co.us> To: Brian Watterson <BWatterson@peabodyenergy.com> Tue, May 9, 2017 at 2:31 PM

Good afternoon Brian,

Attached is the Division's review associated with the 1st quarter 2017 pond inspection report for the Seneca II-W Mine.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks, Jason

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May 9, 2017

Brian Watterson Peabody Energy, LLC 29515 Routt County Road #27 Oak Creek, CO 84607

RE: Seneca Property, LLC, Seneca II-W Mine, Permit C-1982-057 First Quarter 2017 Pond Inspection Report Review

Dear Mr. Watterson:

First Quarter 2017 Pond Inspection Report Review

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (CDRMS) has reviewed and found the above referenced report to be in compliance with the following CDRMS regulation(s):

4.05.9(17) - Examined at least quarterly by a qualified person designated by the operator, for appearance of structural weakness and other hazardous conditions.

4.05.9(17) - A copy of the report shall be submitted to the Division on a quarterly basis.

The first quarter pond inspection report was received by the Division on February 8, 2017 via email. Pond inspections were conducted by WWC Engineering on October 3 and 4, 2016.

It is noted that ponds 005, 006, 008, 015, 016, and 017 were discharging at the time of the inspections. Although the cover letter for the Pond Inspection Report notes that no maintenance items are require, the Division does not agree.

Please note the Division's April 2017 Coal Partial Inspection Report identifying the need to repair the rusted and damaged riser pipe at Pond 015 which threatens the integrity of the embankment. The Division also noted the requirement to provide to the Division a copy of the NWCC report on the slump above Pond 006 and a proposed permitting action for repair work based on the recommendations of the report.



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If you have any questions feel free to contact me. (303) 866-3567 ext 8134

Sincerely,

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