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Re: New Horizon 2 TR-79

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Thanks for letting me know, Brock. It all sounds kosher to me.

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On Thu, Mar 30, 2017 at 4:05 PM, Bowles - DNR, Brock <brock.bowles@state.co.us> wrote:

Hi Christine,

TR-79 at the New Horizon 2 Mine, C-1981-008, was deemed complete today. Since this revision involves the Morgan's topsoil, I want to give you a heads-up on it. The following is the official notice:

TR-79 is requesting to add an adjacent support facility of 2.45 acres to the permit area to accommodate the movement of topsoil piles 11A and 11B. The additional acreage is on private property owned by the Morgans and the topsoil is also owned by the Morgans. The additional acres will not involve coal extraction.

Here is the background:

When the Morgan field was reclaimed, there was extra topsoil for lifts A and B which were placed in separate piles on ERMR property. The extra soil is being used to make repairs on the Morgan field caused by differential settling but it is unclear how many years it will take to use all the extra soil. The topsoil piles are now preventing ERMR from doing reclamation work on disturbed areas. ERMR and the Morgans have agreed upon a new location for the piles which is on the Morgan property, adjacent to the reclaimed field but outside the current permit boundary.

The best way to handle this situation is to increase the permit boundary with an incidental boundary change for 2.45 acres on the Morgan property. This additional land will be classified as an adjacent support facility for the topsoil piles so it can be released with the rest of the property at final bond release.

Dan and I met with JoEllen and Mike in December and they both agreed to the proposed plan. My understanding is that ERMR presented TR-79 to JoEllen and Mike before submitting it to DRMS. In short, all parties are in agreement to the plan and I don't expect to have any comments.

If you should have any questions, please let me know.

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