



Department of Energy

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September 14, 2022

Mr. Scott Pottorff, Mine Manager
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Subject: Reclamation Activities and Environmental Checklists for 2022 – Approved

Dear Mr. Pottorff:

The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) has reviewed the proposed 2022 reclamation work and corresponding environmental checklists submitted by Highbury Resources, Inc. (Highbury) for the following permitted uranium lease tract mines:

- **C-JD-6**, JD-6 Mine (DRMS ID: M1977310)
- **C-JD-7**, JD-7 Mine (DRMS ID: M1979094HR)
- **C-JD-8**, JD-8 Mine (DRMS ID: M1984014)
- **C-SM-18**, SM-18 Mine (DRMS ID: M1978116)
- **C-SR-11**, SR-11 Mine (DRMS ID: M1977451)

This letter is to inform you that the proposed 2022 reclamation work and corresponding environmental checklists, submitted by Highbury for those activities planned for 2022 only are approved with the following stipulations:

- Only those activities outlined in Highbury's environmental checklists are approved.
- Ground disturbing activities must be limited to previously disturbed areas. No new roads may be constructed. Existing roads may be improved only to the extent necessary to allow proper access of the required equipment.
- During wet weather, when excessive damage can be caused by vehicle traffic, activities will cease until conditions improve.
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) as outlined in the environmental checklists will be adhered to during activities.
- Reclamation activities must be performed no later than November 30, 2022, in accordance with Big Game Winter Range and Migratory Bird nesting restrictions.
- All personnel working on the approved activities will be made aware of the stipulations set forth in this letter and those set forth in the Lease Agreement.
- Highbury will provide DOE with a proposed schedule for the completion of the approved activities.



DOE coordinated its review of the proposed 2022 reclamation work and corresponding environmental checklists with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety.

DOE herein acknowledges that Highbury has in place the required reclamation performance bond in support of these activities. Please note the full reclamation liability associated with the above listed permitted mines will not be satisfied by the approved activities and will require additional reclamation work.

Approval of the proposed 2022 reclamation work and corresponding environmental checklists is conditioned upon the faithful compliance with the terms, conditions, and stipulations set forth herein and in the Lease Agreement for each of the above lease tracts. This approval is restricted solely to the activities set forth in your plan for 2022. Activities not described will not be undertaken until and unless a supplemental checklist is submitted to and approved by DOE. Furthermore, approval of this plan in general will not be construed as a modification of any requirements of the Lease Agreement.

DOE also recommends that Highbury submit completed Environmental Checklists for reclamation work scheduled for 2023 as soon as possible to allow time for review and approval.

Please contact me at (970)-248-6214 or Ian.Shafer@lm.doe.gov, or Brian Mangan of DOE's contractor staff at (970)-739-1433 or Brian.Mangan@lm.doe.gov, if you have any questions or concerns. Please address any correspondence to:

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Sincerely,

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