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Czapla - DNR, Dustin &lt;dustin.czapla@state.co.us&gt;

**RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Request: DRMS Review of JD-7 NOI ERF**

1 message

**Long, Candice** <candice.long@lm.doe.gov>  
To: Dustin Czapla <dustin.czapla@state.co.us>  
Cc: "Shafer, Ian" <Ian.Shafer@lm.doe.gov>

Fri, Jun 27, 2025 at 1:59 PM

Hello Dustin,

After being out of the office for the last two weeks, Ian has filled me in, and I would like to step back into the conversation to provide an update of our assessment.

We have completed a review of the current JD-7 Lease Agreement, DOE held bonds for JD-7, along with previous drilling campaigns in and around the JD-7 pit. Currently DOE holds \$2,198,800 under a performance bond and rider for the JD-7 lease tract, which under our Lease Agreement adequately covers "... any exploration and mining plans approved pursuant to said lease...". Under previous drilling campaigns on the JD-7 tracts, the DOE has not required additional bonding outside of the existing performance bonds, and we interpret the current proposed drilling campaign to also fall within the confines of Highbury's current DOE bonds and find no additional financial warranty is necessary. DOE is agreeable to any additional financial warranty DRMS requires from Highbury.

Please feel free to reach out if you have concerns or further clarification is necessary.

Thank you,



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**OFFICE** 970.248.6305**MOBILE** 970.783.0963**From:** Czapla - DNR, Dustin <dustin.czapla@state.co.us>**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:11 AM

**To:** Shafer, Ian <[ian.Shafer@lm.doe.gov](mailto:ian.Shafer@lm.doe.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Request: DRMS Review of JD-7 NOI ERF

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Hello Ian,

The Division has reviewed the NOI application and is ready to authorize the drilling once the financial warranty is posted. Please see the attached letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Dustin Czapla**

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On Tue, Jun 17, 2025 at 4:28 PM Shafer, Ian <[ian.Shafer@lm.doe.gov](mailto:ian.Shafer@lm.doe.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon, Dustin.

DOE is requesting a concurrent review of ULP's Environmental Review Form (ERF) for the JD-7 NOI. An email containing a OneDrive file was sent moments ago that contains a copy of the NOI and our ERF.

We are sending a similar email request to the ULP's BLM POC who will then have 30-days (July 18<sup>th</sup>) to provide a review and comment. I will keep you apprised of their response.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me until Candice returns on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Best,



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