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October 22, 2021

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

Elliot Finley, Resident Agent
Hiawatha Coal Company
P.O. Box 1240
Huntington, Utah 84528

Subject: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. 21231, Hiawatha Coal Company (HCC), Hiawatha Mine, C/007/0011, Task #6421

Dear Mr. Finley:

The undersigned has been appointed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under R645-401.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced violation. The violation was issued by Division Inspector, **Kendra Hinton**, on October 4, 2021. Rule R645-401-600 et. seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Under R645-401-700, there are two informal appeal options available to you:

1. If you wish to informally appeal the fact of this violation, you should file a written request for an Informal Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. This conference will be conducted by the Division Director. This Informal Conference is distinct from the Assessment Conference regarding the proposed penalty.



2. If you wish to review the proposed penalty assessment, you should file a written request for an Assessment Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If you are also requesting a review of the fact of violation, as noted in paragraph 1, the Assessment Conference will be scheduled immediately following that review.

If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of violation will stand, the proposed penalty(ies) will become final, and the penalty(ies) will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the proposed assessment. Please remit payment of \$418.00 to the Division, mail c/o Suzanne Steab.

Sincerely,



Wayne H. Western
Assessment Officer

Enclosure

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3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

RANGE 0 - 25

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

B. HINDRANCE VIOLATION (Maximum 25 Points)

1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? RANGE 0 - 25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS

12

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

The main reason for water monitoring is to determine if there was an event that exceeded limits. In addition, water monitoring data is also used to determine if there is an increase of materials that are of concern. Early detection of those materials can be used to locate potential problems and implement proactive measures.

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B)

12

III. NEGLIGENCE (Maximum 30 Points)

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE; or was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence	0
Negligence	1 - 15
Greater Degree of Fault	16 - 30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Greater Degree of Fault

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS

7

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

The Operator knew or should have known that water monitoring must take place every quarter.

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 Points) (Either A or B) Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures.

A. Did the Operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO, EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation RANGE

Normal Compliance 0

Operator complied within the abatement period required.

Operator complied with condition and/or terms of approved MRP.

Rapid Compliance -1 to -10

Permittee used diligence to abate the violation.

Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*

Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)

**Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occurring the 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.*

B. Did the Permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance or does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO, DIFFICULT ABATEMENT

Difficult Abatement Situation RANGE

Extended Compliance 0

Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard of the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete.

Permittee complied with the conditions and/or terms of approved MRP.

Normal Compliance -1 to -10*

Operator complied within the abatement period required.

Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*

Permittee used diligence to abate the violation.

**Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occurring the 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.*

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT?

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

NOTICE OF VIOLATION #	NOV-21231
I. TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	0
II. TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	12
III. TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	7
IV. TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	0
TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	19
TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	\$ 418

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