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To: OGMCOAL File

From: Karl R. Houskeeper

RE: Status Update of Wellington Preparation Plant, Permit #C/007/0012

Had contact with Patrick Collins on April 15, 2020 Resident Agent for Wellington Preparation Plant (PRT) about the Wellington Site.

Patrick provided an update on permitting issues and site condition as of November 15, 2020 in his e-mail.

A copy of Patrick Collins e-mail is attached to this memo.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Karl Houskeeper (DOGM)

Cc: Tim Stanley (PRT)

FROM: Patrick Collins (Resident Agent)

DATE: April 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Wellington Prep Plant (C/007/0012) Monthly Update

As of **April 1, 2020** all routine monthly and quarterly inspections by DOGM were temporarily suspended. Consequently, a request was made by Steve Christensen (Coal Program Manager) that all operators provide an update for their operations that includes site conditions, maintenance needed or accomplished, status of permitting conditions and other appropriate information. This information has been provided below. Please let me know if you have additional questions, comments or concerns.

1. **March 18-29, 2020.** Quarterly water sampling was conducted. Samples were deposited at Chemtech-Ford Laboratory, Sandy, Utah.
2. **March 24, 2020:** Amanda Daniels (DOGM) emailed some questions about the previous lab results in well GW-13.
3. **March 29, 2020:** 4th Quarter 2019 water monitoring data for the site was entered into the state's on-line hydrology database and was ready for uploading by DOGM.
4. **April 3, 2020:** Patrick Collins conducted a site inspection that included:
 - a. Several sediment control structures (all were working well),
 - b. UPDES inspections (no discharges),
 - c. MSHA impoundment inspections (maintenance needed).
 - i. Erosion was beginning on middle dike with no breaches. If it did breach, it would only place coal fines in the fines impoundment (not an environmental or safety concern). This will be repaired when Savage equipment resumes coal fines removal this month.
 - d. Plant Sediment Pond was nearing capacity. Consequently, it was recently cleaned out. Pond sediments were placed at an approved area onsite, the Coarse Refuse Pile.
 - e. On **April 2, 2020**, and as required by MSHA, maintenance was conducted by a dozer to flatten, level and compact the recently deposited sediment fines on the Coarse Refuse Pile.
5. **April 4, 2020:** Erik Petersen, PG and site hydrologist, addressed Amanda's questions and concerns about well GW-13 (above).