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March 29, 2010

Coal Regulatory Program
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RE: 2009 Annual Report for Mountain Coal Company, LLC, Gordon Creek 2, 7, & 8
Mines, C/007/016

To Whom it May Concern:

Please find enclosed with this letter two copies each of the Mountain Coal Company, LLC Gordon Creek 2, 7, and 8 Mines 2009 Annual Report. The information contained within the Annual Report is, to the best our knowledge, current and correct.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please call me at (970) 261-1425.

Sincerely:

Chris D. Hansen
Environmental Coordinator
Arch Western Bituminous Group, LLC

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Mountain Coal Company, LLC
Gordon Creek Mines #2, #7, & #8
C/007/016

2009

Annual Report

March 29, 2010

This Annual Report shows information the Division has for your mine. Please review the information to see if it is current. If the information needs to be updated please do so in this document. At the end of each section the operator is asked to verify if the information is correct. Please answer these questions and make all comments on this document. Submit the completed document and any additional information identified in the Appendices to the Division by April 30, 2010. During a complete inspection an inspector will check and verify the information. To enter text, click in the cell and type your response. You can use the tab key to move from one field to the next. To enter an X in a box, click next to the box, right click, and select properties, then the checked circle, then hit enter, or hit the unchecked circle if the X is to be removed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Permittee Name	Mountain Coal Company, LLC
Mine Name	Gordon Creek 2, 7 and 8 Mines
Operator Name (If other than permittee)	
Permit Expiration Date	August 28, 2014
Permit Number	C/007/0016
Authorized Representative Title	Chris Hansen, Environmental Manager
Phone Number	(435)448-2669
Fax Number	(435)448-2632
E-mail Address	chanson@archcoal.com
Mailing Address	HC35 Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526
Designated Representative	Chris D. Hansen
Resident Agent	Corporation Trust Company
Resident Agent Mailing Address	Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington DE
Number of Binders Submitted	2

IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER PERMITS

Identify other permits that are required in conjunction with mining and reclamation activities.

Permit Type	ID Number	Description	Expiration Date
MSHA Mine ID(s)	N/A		
MSHA Impoundment(s)	N/A		
NPDES/UPDES Permit(s)	UTG-040004	UPDES Permit - inactive	4/30/10
PSD Permit(s) (Air)	N/A		
Other	None		

Operator, please update any incorrect information.

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CERTIFIED REPORTS

List the certified inspection reports as required by the rules and under the approved plan that must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as Appendix A to this report or currently on file with the Division.

Certified Reports:	Required		Included Included	or	DOGM file location Vol, Chapter, Page
	Yes	No			
Excess Spoil Piles	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Refuse Piles	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X		Jacob's pond Annual Inspection and Certification Report Included in Appendix A.
Other					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Operator Comments:

Inspector:

Has the operator complied with this section? Yes No

Inspector Comments:

COMMITMENTS AND CONDITIONS

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring annual technical commitments in the MRP and conditions accepted with the permit are completed throughout the year. The Division has identified these commitments below and has provided space for you to report what you have done during the past year for each commitment. If the particular section is blank, no commitment has been identified and no response is required for this report. If additional written response is required, it should be filed under Appendix B to this report.

Admin R645-301-100
Soils R645-301-200
Biology R645-301-300
Landuse, Cultural Resources, Air Quality R645-301- 400
Engineering R645-301-500

Geology R645-301-600

Hydrology R645-301-700

Bonding & Insurance R645-301-800

Other Commitments

*Reminder: If equipment has been abandoned during 2009, an amendment must be submitted that includes a map showing its location, a description of what was abandoned, whether there were any hazardous or toxic materials and any revision to the PHC as necessary.

REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA

List other technical data and information as required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as Appendix B to this report or currently on file with the Division.

Operator Comments:

Inspector:

Has the operator complied with this section? Yes No

Inspector Comments:

LEGAL, FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Change in administration or corporate structure can often bring about necessary changes to information found in the mining and reclamation plan. The Division is Requesting that each permittee review and update the legal, financial, compliance and related information in the plan as part of the annual report. Please provide the Department of Commerce, Annual Report of Officers, or other equivalent information as necessary to ensure that the information provided in the plan is current. Provide any other change as necessary regarding land ownership, lease acquisitions, legal results from appeals of violations, or other changes as necessary to update information required in the mining and reclamation plan. Include certified financial statements, audits or worksheets, which may be required to meet bonding requirements. Specify whether the information is currently on file with the Division or included as Appendix C to the report.

Legal / Financial Update	Required	Included	or	DOGM File location
	Yes No	Included		

Department of Commerce, Annual Report Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Included in Appendix C
Other				
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MAPS

Copies of mine maps, current and up-to-date through at least December 31, 2009, are to be provided to the Division as Appendix D to this report in accordance with the requirements of R 645-301-525.240. The map copies shall be made in accordance with 30 CFR 75.1200 as required by MSHA. Mine maps are not considered confidential. (Please provide a CD.)

Confidential information is limited to:

R645-300-124.310. Information that pertains only to the analysis of the chemical and physical properties of the coal to be mined, except information on components of such coal which are potentially toxic in the environment.

R645-300-124.330. Information on the nature and location of archeological resources on public land and Indian land as required under the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (P. L. 96-95, 93 Stat. 721, 16 U.S.C. 470).

R645-301-322, Fish and Wildlife Information; R645-301-322.100, the scope and level of detail for such information will be determined by the Division in consultation with state and federal agencies with responsibilities for fish and wildlife and will be sufficient to design the protection and enhancement plan required under R645-301-333 and R645-301-322.230, other species or habitats identified through agency consultation as requiring special protection under state or federal law; R645-301-333.300, Include protective measures that will be used during the active mining phase of operation.

The Division will provide procedures, including notice and opportunity to be heard for persons both seeking and opposing disclosure.

Map Number(s)	Map Title/ Description	Confidential	
		Yes	No
Annual subsidence map	NA		
Mine map	NA		
Other maps	NA		
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Operator Comments:

Inspector:

Has the operator complied with this section? Yes No

Inspector Comments:

APPENDIX A

Certified Reports

Excess Spoil Piles
Refuse Piles
Impoundments

As required under R645-301-514

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Mountain Coal Company 2009 Annual Pond Inspection Report (Certified) – Jacobs Pond

APPENDIX B

Reporting of Technical Data

Including monitoring data, reports, maps, and other information
As required under the approved plan or as required by the Division

In accordance with the requirement of R645-310-130 and R645-301-140

CONTENTS
NONE

APPENDIX C

Legal Financial, Compliance and Related Information

Annual Report of Officers
As submitted to the Utah Department of Commerce

Other change in ownership and control information
As required under R645-301-110

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Annual report of Directors and Officers for Arch Coal through to
Mountain Coal Company, owners of the Gordon Creek Mines

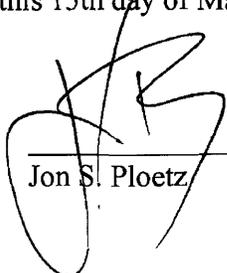
ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

ARCH COAL, INC.

I, Jon S. Ploetz, Assistant Secretary of ARCH COAL, INC., a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), hereby certify that:

1. On April 23, 2009, Casey Warner was elected Director of Internal Audit of the Company;
2. On October 6, 2009, Mr. Gregory A. Billhartz resigned from the Company as Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary; and
3. On February 18, 2010, Mr. Jon S. Ploetz was elected to the Company as Assistant General Counsel and Secretary.

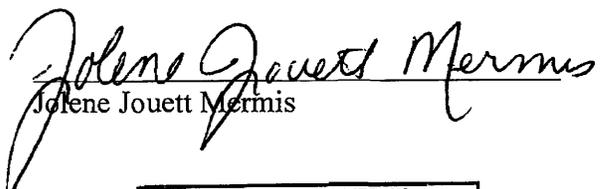
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Company this 15th day of March, 2010.



Jon S. Ploetz

State of Missouri)
) ss
County of St. Louis)

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 15th day of March, 2010.

My Commission Expires: May 21, 2011 
Jolene Jouett Mermis

JOLENE JOUETT MERMIS
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for St. Louis County
My Commission Expires: May 21, 2011
Commission Number: 07388596

Arch Coal, Inc.

Directors

James R. Boyd		Lead Director	
Effective:	4/28/2006	First Elected:	4/27/2006
Douglas H. Hunt		Director	
Effective:	4/4/1995	First Elected:	4/4/1995
A. Michael Perry		Director	
Effective:	9/28/1998	First Elected:	9/28/1998
Theodore D. Sands		Director	
Effective:	2/25/1999	First Elected:	2/25/1999
Frank M. Burke		Director	
Effective:	12/1/2000	First Elected:	12/1/2000
John W. Eaves		Director	
Effective:	2/23/2006	First Elected:	2/23/2006
Patricia Fry Godley		Director	
Effective:	7/22/2004	First Elected:	7/22/2004
Brian J. Jennings		Director	
Effective:	7/27/2006	First Elected:	7/27/2006
Thomas A. Lockhart		Director	
Effective:	2/21/2003	First Elected:	2/21/2003
Robert G. Potter		Director	
Effective:	2/22/2001	First Elected:	2/22/2001
Wesley M. Taylor		Director	
Effective:	7/28/2005	First Elected:	7/28/2005
Steven F. Leer		Chairman & Chief Executive Officer	
Effective:	4/28/2006	First Elected:	4/27/2006

Officers

Steven F. Leer		Chairman & Chief Executive Officer	
Effective:	4/28/2006	First Elected:	4/27/2006
John W. Eaves		President & Chief Operating Officer	

Directors / Officers Report

As of 3/15/2010

Arch Coal, Inc.

Effective:	4/28/2006	First Elected:	4/27/2006
John T. Drexler		Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	
Effective:	5/1/2008	First Elected:	4/24/2008
Robert G. Jones		Senior Vice President - Law, General Counsel and Secretary	
Effective:	8/1/2008	First Elected:	8/1/2008
C. Henry Besten Jr.		Senior Vice President - Strategic Development	
Effective:	12/1/2002	First Elected:	12/1/2002
Paul A. Lang		Senior Vice President - Operations	
Effective:	12/7/2006	First Elected:	12/7/2006
John W. Lorson		Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer	
Effective:	4/30/2008	First Elected:	4/24/2008
Deck Slone		Vice President - Government, Investor and Public Affairs	
Effective:	8/1/2008	First Elected:	8/1/2008
Anthony S. Bumbico		Vice President - Safety	
Effective:	4/27/2006	First Elected:	4/27/2006
Sheila B. Feldman		Vice President - Human Resources	
Effective:	2/3/2003	First Elected:	2/3/2003
David E. Hartley		Vice President & Chief Information Officer	
Effective:	8/1/2009	First Elected:	8/1/2009
David B. Peugh		Vice President - Business Development	
Effective:	7/1/1997	First Elected:	7/1/1997
Charles David Steele		Vice President - Tax Planning	
Effective:	4/24/2003	First Elected:	4/24/2003
James E. Florczak		Treasurer	
Effective:	8/17/1998	First Elected:	8/17/1998
David N. Warnecke		Vice President - Marketing and Trading	
Effective:	8/8/2005	First Elected:	8/8/2005

Arch Coal, Inc.

Casey Warner

Effective: 4/23/2009

Director - Internal Audit

First Elected: 4/23/2009

Jon S. Ploetz

Effective: 2/18/2010

Assistant Corporate Secretary

First Elected: 2/18/2010

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

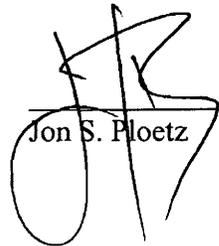
ARCH WESTERN ACQUISITION CORPORATION

I, Jon S. Ploetz, Secretary of ARCH WESTERN ACQUISITION CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation (the "Company"), hereby certify that:

1. On October 6, 2009, Mr. Gregory A. Billhartz resigned from the Company as Secretary; and

2. On February 15, 2010, Mr. Jon S. Ploetz was elected to the Company as Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Company this 15th day of March, 2010.

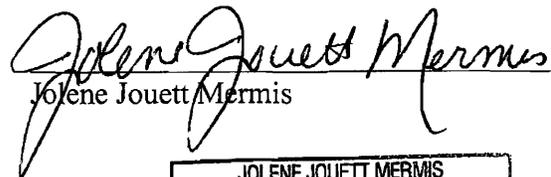


Jon S. Ploetz

State of Missouri)
) ss
County of St. Louis)

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 15th day of March, 2010.

My Commission Expires: May 21, 2011


Jolene Jouett Mermis

JOLENE JOUETT MERMIS
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for St Louis County
My Commission Expires: May 21, 2011
Commission Number: 07388596

Arch Western Resources, LLC**Officers**

Paul A. Lang Effective: 6/27/2005	President First Elected: 6/27/2005
Charles David Steele Effective: 5/23/2003	Vice President - Tax First Elected: 5/23/2003
John T. Drexler Effective: 5/1/2008	Vice President First Elected: 5/1/2008
James E. Florczak Effective: 4/1/2002	Vice President First Elected: 4/1/2002
Robert G. Jones Effective: 3/1/2000	Vice President First Elected: 3/1/2000
David B. Peugh Effective: 3/17/1998	Vice President First Elected: 3/17/1998
James E. Florczak Effective: 9/15/1998	Treasurer First Elected: 9/15/1998
Patricia A. Will Effective: 7/14/2006	Assistant Treasurer First Elected: 7/14/2006
Robert G. Jones Effective: 3/14/2001	Assistant Secretary First Elected: 3/14/2001
Jolene J. Mermis Effective: 7/1/2004	Assistant Secretary First Elected: 7/1/2004
Jon S. Ploetz Effective: 2/15/2010	Secretary First Elected: 2/15/2010

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

ARCH WESTERN RESOURCES, LLC

I, Jon S. Ploetz, Secretary of ARCH WESTERN RESOURCES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), hereby certify that:

1. On October 6, 2009, Mr. Gregory A. Billhartz resigned from the Company as Secretary; and

2. On February 15, 2010, Mr. Jon S. Ploetz was elected to the Company as Secretary.

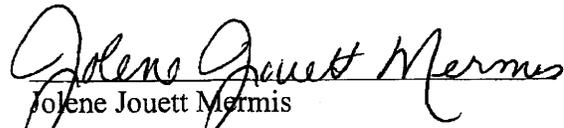
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Company this 15th day of March, 2010.



Jon S. Ploetz

State of Missouri)
) ss
County of St. Louis)

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 15th day of March, 2010.



Jolene Jouett Mermis

My Commission Expires: May 21, 2011

JOLENE JOUETT MERMIS
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for St Louis County
My Commission Expires: May 21, 2011
Commission Number: 07383596

Arch Western Acquisition Corporation**Directors****C. Henry Besten Jr.**

Effective: 1/26/2000

Director

First Elected: 1/26/2000

Paul A. Lang

Effective: 6/27/2005

Director

First Elected: 6/27/2005

David B. Peugh

Effective: 5/7/1998

Director

First Elected: 5/7/1998

Officers**Paul A. Lang**

Effective: 6/27/2005

President

First Elected: 6/27/2005

Charles David Steele

Effective: 5/23/2003

Vice President - Tax

First Elected: 5/23/2003

John T. Drexler

Effective: 5/1/2008

Vice President

First Elected: 5/1/2008

James E. Florczak

Effective: 3/28/2002

Vice President

First Elected: 3/28/2002

David B. Peugh

Effective: 5/7/1998

Vice President

First Elected: 5/7/1998

James E. Florczak

Effective: 9/15/1998

Treasurer

First Elected: 9/15/1998

Jolene J. Mermis

Effective: 7/1/2004

Assistant Secretary

First Elected: 7/1/2004

Jon S. Ploetz

Effective: 2/15/2010

Secretary

First Elected: 2/15/2010

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

ARCH WESTERN BITUMINIOUS GROUP, LLC

I, Jon S. Ploetz, Secretary of ARCH WESTERN BITUMINIOUS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), hereby certify that:

1. On October 6, 2009, Mr. Gregory A. Billhartz resigned from the Company as Secretary; and
2. On February 15, 2010, Mr. Jon S. Ploetz was elected to the Company as Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Company this 15th day of March, 2010.



Jon S. Ploetz

State of Missouri)
) ss
County of St. Louis)

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 15th day of March, 2010.



Jolene Jouett Mermis

My Commission Expires: May 21, 2011

JOLENE JOUETT MERMIS
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for St Louis County
My Commission Expires: May 21, 2011
Commission Number: 07388596

Arch Western Bituminous Group, LLC

Directors

Eugene E. DiClaudio

Effective: 7/29/2004

Director

First Elected: 7/29/2004

John W. Eaves

Effective: 2/21/2005

Director

First Elected: 2/21/2005

Robert W. Shanks

Effective: 7/29/2004

Director

First Elected: 7/29/2004

Officers

Eugene E. DiClaudio

Effective: 7/29/2004

President and General Manager

First Elected: 7/29/2004

Charles David Steele

Effective: 7/29/2004

Vice President - Tax

First Elected: 7/29/2004

James E. Florczak

Effective: 7/29/2004

Vice President & Treasurer

First Elected: 7/29/2004

Jolene J. Mermis

Effective: 7/29/2004

Assistant Secretary

First Elected: 7/29/2004

Jon S. Ploetz

Effective: 2/15/2010

Secretary

First Elected: 2/15/2010

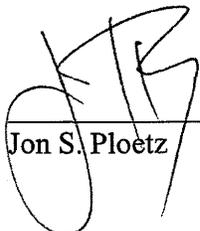
SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY, L.L.C.

I, Jon S. Ploetz, Secretary of MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), hereby certify to the following:

1. That on October 9, 2009, Gregory A. Billhartz resigned as Secretary of the Company;
- and
2. That on February 15, 2010, Jon S. Ploetz was elected as Secretary of the Company.

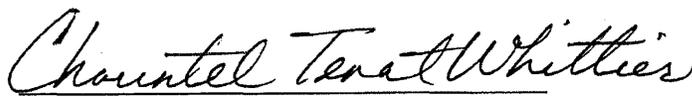
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Company this 25th day of March, 2010.



Jon S. Ploetz

State of Missouri)
) ss
County of St. Louis)

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 23rd day of March, 2010.



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My Commission Expires: Nov. 14, 2011



Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C.**Directors****Eugene E. DiClaudio**

Effective: 6/1/1998

Director

First Elected: 3/6/1998

John W. Eaves

Effective: 2/21/2005

Director

First Elected: 2/21/2005

Robert W. Shanks

Effective: 6/1/1998

Director

First Elected: 6/1/1998

Officers**Eugene E. DiClaudio**

Effective: 6/1/1998

President and General Manager

First Elected: 6/1/1998

Charles David Steele

Effective: 5/23/2003

Vice President - Tax

First Elected: 5/23/2003

James E. Florczak

Effective: 7/8/1999

Vice President & Treasurer

First Elected: 7/8/1999

Jolene J. Mermis

Effective: 7/1/2004

Assistant Secretary

First Elected: 7/1/2004

Jon S. Ploetz

Effective: 2/15/2010

Secretary

First Elected: 2/15/2010

APPENDIX D

Mine Maps

As required under R645-302-525-270

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NONE

APPENDIX E

Other Information

In accordance with the requirements of R645-301 and R645-302

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NONE