

**From:** John Blake  
**To:** Pete Hess  
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**Subject:** Re: Task ID # 2455 / Dugout Degas G-11 and G-12

Mr. Pete Hess, DOGM:

SITLA hereby consents to degassification drill holes proposed upon the SITLA Dugout Canyon coal tract leased under coal lease ML 48435 provided that: 1) A surveyed location is provided to BLM for each degassification drill-hole; 2) the plugging requirements for each degassification drill-hole are no less stringent than BLM plugging requirements for such drill holes; and 3) the coal lessee has the consent of the surface owner or the surface management agency to drill. This approval by SITLA applies to current as well as all future degassification drill holes upon the SITLA Dugout Canyon coal tract, until otherwise revoked, until such time as the tract may revert to federal ownership.

Thank you,

John T. Blake  
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>>> Pete Hess 5/12/2006 2:36 PM >>>  
Team Members...

Please update the Master TA, which Angela is placing in the WG2455 file.

I am awaiting the OK from SITLA to finalize my memo relative to the modification of SITLA's Plan of Operation for the SITLA / Dugout tract. BLM has already forwarded their recommendation to SITLA, and that document recommends approval.

The conditional approval has been drafted and should be ready to forward to DWH.

Thank you.

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