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Subject: Major Coal Exploration Plan, Consolidation Coal Company, Hidden Valley Mine, C/015/007, Task ID #2464, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Gefferth:

The above-referenced Major Coal Exploration Plan has been reviewed. There are deficiencies in the Administrative Completeness Review (ACR) that must be adequately addressed prior to a complete technical review. A copy of our Administrative Completeness Review is enclosed for your information. In order for us to continue to process your application, please respond to these deficiencies by August 8, 2006. Your application will be denied if a response is not received within 90 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5268 or Stephen Demczak at (435) 613-1146, Ext 202.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW WORKSHEET
(R645-100)**

DATE: 05/05/2006

REVIEWER(S): Steve Demczak, Priscilla Burton, Joe Helfrich, and Steve Christensen

APPLICANT: Consol Energy

MINE NAME: Hidden Valley **FILE NO.:** ID 2464

"**Administratively Complete Application**" means an application for permit approval or approval for coal exploration, where required, which the Division determines to contain information addressing each application requirement of the State Program and to contain all information necessary to initiate processing and public review.

Directions: The categories listed below correspond to the minimum requirements for information necessary to initiate processing and public review. If a category is checked the Applicant has met the Completeness requirement for that category. If a category is not checked, the Completeness requirements have not been met. The comments column will identify the deficiency and what is necessary to correct it.

Comments

301-112	Identification of Interests	—	NA
100	Applicant's Business Structure	—	NA
210	Applicant's Name/Address/Phone	<u>X</u>	
220	Resident Agent's Name/Address/Phone	—	NA
230	Name/Address/Phone of AML Fees Payer	—	NA
300	Corporate Structure & Ownership	—	NA
400	Identify Other Mining Operations in US	—	NA
500	Surface & Mineral Ownership	<u>X</u>	
600	Ownership Contiguous to Permit	—	NA
700	MSHA Numbers	—	NA
800	Interest in Contiguous Lands	—	NA

301-113	Violation Information	—	NA
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100	Suspension or Revocation Information	—	NA
300	List of Violations - 3 Previous Years	—	NA
301-114	Right of Entry	<u>X</u>	
301-115	Status of Unsuitability Claims	—	Map required by R645-201-325 missing.
301-116	Permit Term	—	NA
301-117	Insurance	—	NA
	Proof of Publication	<u>X</u>	
	Facilities and Structures Used in Common	—	NA
301-118	Filing Fee	—	NA
301-123	Notarized Signature of Responsible Official	—	NA
301-130	Information Collection: Technical Data Accompanied by Names of Persons or Organizations that Collected and Analyzed the Data - Dates of Collections - and Analysis of the Data and Description of the Methodology Used to Collect and Analyze Data	—	Missing required information listed under R645-201-410 through 434.
301-200	Soils	—	NA
211	Description of Pre-mining Soil Resources	—	NA

221	Prime Farmland Investigation	—	NA
222	Soil Survey	—	NA
224	Substitute Topsoil Info (When Proposed)	—	NA
230	Operation Plan Topsoil Handling/Removal/Storage	—	Missing Map MEP O
240	Reclamation Plan Soil Redistribution/Stabilization	—	Missing Map MEP R

301-300	Biology	—	This section is addressed only in terms of reference to appendices that are not included in the application.
320	Vegetation Information	—	Appendix F not provided
322	Fish and Wildlife Information	—	Appendix G not provided, a brief general statement regarding protection of Threatened and Endangered Species is provided on page 11 section 231 of the application.
323	Maps/Photos Vegetation-Fish-Wildlife Areas	—	Not provided
330	Operation Plan Vegetation-Fish-Wildlife Protection	—	Not provided
341	Reclamation Plan for Revegetation	—	Appendix F not provided
342	Fish & Wildlife Plan for Reclamation Phase	—	Appendix G not provided, a brief general statement regarding protection of Threatened and Endangered Species is provided on page 11 section 231 of the application.

301-400	Land Use and Air Quality	—	NA
411	Pre-Mining Land Use Information (Includes Cultural Resources)	—	Map required by R645-201-325 missing. Appendix C, Archeology report is not included in the application.
412	Post-Mining Land Use Information	—	NA

301-500	Engineering	—	N/A
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510 520	General Description of Operation Plan (Maps, Locations, Cross-Sections, Narrative, Descriptions & Calculations)	<u>X</u>	
522	Coal Recovery Description	<u>X</u>	
523	Mining Methods	<u>X</u>	Addressed on Paged 7.
524	Blasting and Explosives Plan	—	N/A
525	Subsidence Control Plan	—	N/A
526	Mine Facilities Description (Narrative, Plans, Maps) Including Existing Structures & Support Facilities	—	R645-202.232 (R645-301-526.200,R645-301-527.100) has not been addressed.
527	Transportation Facilities (Including Plans & Maps)	—	R645-202.232(R645-301-526.200) has not been addressed.
528	Coal Mine Waste Plans (Description & Designs)	—	N/A
529	Management of Mine Openings (Design)	—	N/A
531	General Plans for Structures	<u>X</u>	
532	Sediment Control	<u>X</u>	
533	Impoundments	<u>X</u>	

301-534	Roads (Plans, Drawings, Designs, & Specifications)	—	Roads need to be classified.
535	Spoil	—	N/A
536	Coal Mine Waste	—	Address R645-202.323.200 in regards to disposal activities of coal mine waste.
537	Regraded Slopes	<u>X</u>	
540 541-542	Reclamation Narrative, Maps and Plans	<u>X</u>	
551	Casing and Sealing Underground Openings		Address sealing of portals R645-201.323.200, R645-202.243.
553	Backfilling and Grading Description	<u>X</u>	

301-600	Geology	<u>X</u>	
621	Description of Geology (Permit & Adjacent Area)	—	N/A
622	Geologic Cross-Sections, Maps, and Plans	<u>X</u>	
630	Plans for Casing and Sealing Holes	—	N/A

301-700	Hydrology	—	The submitted hydrologic information is incomplete. See comments below.
721	Description of Hydrologic Resources (Permit and Adjacent Area)	<u>NA</u>	The provisions contained within R645-301-721 do not apply to Major Coal Exploration. However, Appendix B of the application provides a description of the surface hydrology features of the site.
722	Cross-Sections and Maps Subsurface Water - Surface Water - Monitoring Stations - Wells	<u>NA</u>	The provisions contained within R645-301-722 do not apply to Major Coal Exploration. However, the application does contain maps that satisfy the hydrologic requirements of R645-201-325 under the Major Coal Exploration Permits section.
723	Sampling and Analysis	<u>NA</u>	The provisions contained within R645-301-723 do not apply to Major Coal Exploration.
724	Baseline Information Ground Water - Surface Water - Geology - Climatological & Supplemental; If Needed	<u>NA</u>	The provisions contained within R645-301-724 do not apply to Major Coal Exploration.
728	PHC Determination	<u>NA</u>	The provisions contained within R645-301-728 do not apply to Major Coal Exploration.
730	General Operation Plan Minimize Disturbance to Hydrologic Balance & Compliance with Clean Water Act	—	The information provided is incomplete. R645-201-323.400 requires "a description of the measures to be used to comply with the applicable requirements of R645-202". See R645-202-235.
731	Ground and Surface Water Protection	—	The information provided is incomplete. R645-201-323.400 requires "a description of the measures to be used to comply with the applicable requirements of R645-202". See R645-202-235.
732	Ground and Surface Water Monitoring	—	The information provided is incomplete. R645-201-323.400 requires "a description of the measures to be used to comply the applicable requirements of R645-202". See R645-202-235.

820	Applicant Have Adequate Bond at Permit Issuance	—	N/A
830	Bond Estimate and Calculations Provided	—	N/A
890	Certificate of Insurance Provided	—	N/A

302-200	Special Categories of Mining	—	N/A
210	Experimental Practices Mining	—	N/A
220	Mountaintop Removal Mining	—	N/A
230	Steep Slope Mining	—	N/A
240	Auger Mining	—	N/A
250	In Situ Processing Activities	—	N/A

302-260	Coal Processing Plants (Not Located Within Permit Area of Mine)	—	N/A
270	Variances From Approximate Original Contour Restoration Requirements	—	N/A
280	Variances for Delay in Contemporaneous Reclamation Requirement in Combined Surface and Underground Coal Mining Activities	—	N/A
290	Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP)	—	N/A

302-300	Special Areas of Mining	—	N/A
301	Prime Farmland	—	N/A
302	Alluvial Valley Floors	—	N/A