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Subject: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N10027, Consolidation Coal Company, Emery Deep Mine, C/015/0015, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Gefferth:

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, Karl Housekeeper, on August 18, 2008. 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.



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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 to the Division, mail c/o Vickie Southwick.

Sincerely,

for 
Joseph C. Helfrich
Assessment Officer

Enclosure

cc: OSM Compliance Report
Vickie Southwick, DOGM
Vicky Bailey, DOGM
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**WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING**

COMPANY / MINE Consolidation Coal Company/Emery Deep Mine

PERMIT C/015/0015 NOV / CO # 10027 VIOLATION 1 of 1

ASSESSMENT DATE October 7, 2008

ASSESSMENT OFFICER Joe Helfrich

I. HISTORY (Max. 25 pts.)

- A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall one (1) year of today's date?

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE	POINTS
<u>N10018</u>	<u>03/21/2008</u>	<u>1</u>

1 point for each past violation, up to one (1) year
5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one (1) year
No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 1

II. SERIOUSNESS (Either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following apply:

1. Based on facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within each category where the violation falls.
2. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the Assessment Officer will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an EVENT (A) or HINDRANCE (B) violation? Event

A. EVENT VIOLATION (Max 45 pts.)

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent?

Conducting activities without appropriate approvals

2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

<u>PROBABILITY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*****According to the inspector statement the company submitted an amendment to construct a concrete pad for a training tent. The amendment, assigned task # 3021, was under review when the construction of concrete forms and support mesh were observed during a partial inspection on August 12, 2008. Approval of the amendment or construction was not given prior to the construction activities.**

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 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*****According to the inspector statement no damage occurred as a result of the violation.**

B. HINDRANCE VIOLATION (Max 25 pts.)

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 _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 20

III. NEGLIGENCE (Max 30 pts.)

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 _____

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 25

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*****According to the inspector statement violation # N06-39-1-1 was issued on 2/15/06 for constructing a coal sampling building and two small conveyors at the 4th East portal area with out approval. Citation 10028 was issued on 1/22/08 for expanding the storage facilities area and relocating a fence without approval. Based on these two violations and the current one # 10027, the permittee seems to be indifferent to the regulatory requirements for obtaining approval for changes in their surface facilities thus a greater degree of negligence is assessed.**

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.)

(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

- Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
- Rapid Compliance -1 to -10
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
(Operator complied with condition and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

*Assign in upper of 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

- Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
- 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 conditions and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? _____

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

****There was no abatement required on behalf of the permittee.*

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

NOTICE OF VIOLATION # N 10027

I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>1</u>
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>20</u>
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>25</u>
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>46</u>

TOTAL ASSESSED FINE \$ 2,860