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**To:** OGMCOAL File

**From:** Karl R. Houskeeper

**RE:** Status Update of Deer Creek Mine, Permit #C015/0018

Had contact with Dennis Oakley via e-mail on May 1, 2020 about the Deer Creek Mine and Rilda Canyon Facilities.

Dennis provided an update on site conditions as of April 30, 2020.in his e-mail.

A copy of Dennis Oakley e-mail is attached to this memo.

April Status Update  
Deer Creek Mine Inspections  
C/015/0018

1. Permit and disturbed signs remain in place with current mine information identified.
2. Runoff has started flowing in Rilda Creek as noticed on 4/29/20. There is no runoff in the Deer Creek drainage as of this same date.
3. Little if any precipitation has occurred throughout April. No notable rilling is occurring on the reclamation sites at Deer Creek or Rilda.
4. The contractor completing the Emergency Watershed Protection project in Rilda (Perco Rock) is nearing completion. The work is expected to be completed by end of May.
5. Permittee is currently preparing the irrigation system on the portal bench area at the Deer Creek Mine. The irrigation system contains 4 stations with approximately 8 sprinkler heads each. Irrigating this area after the application of sulfur (applied in Sep 2019) on the sodic and saline soils will benefit in the leaching of salts in the soil.
6. Plant growth is beginning to occur at both Deer Creek and Rilda.