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May 12, 2020

Dennis Oakley, Senior Mining Engineer  
PacifiCorp  
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1407 W. North Temple, Suite 210  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Subject: Phase II & III Bond Release (Leach Field Area) Approval, PacifiCorp, Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, C/015/0019, Task #6083

Dear Mr. Oakley:

The application for the Phase II & III Bond Release is approved. PacifiCorp's Phase II & III bond release request is for 3.70 acres at the Cottonwood/Wilberg mine site leach field area. A bond release inspection was conducted on March 25, 2020, which included representatives from the Interwest Mining Company/PacifiCorp, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. A Phase II & III Bond Release decision document was prepared by the Division and distributed to OSM on May 11, 2020 with recommendation for approval.

The OSM, Denver Field Division, submitted a letter dated May 11, 2020 which agreed with the Division's findings and decision document and concurred with the bond release action. The OSM letter of concurrence is enclosed for your records.

PacifiCorp is not requesting a bond reduction at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Christensen at (801)538-5350.

Sincerely,

  
John Baza (May 12, 2020)

John R. Baza  
Director

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May 11, 2020

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**Re: Phase II / III Bond Release Application, Task #6083; PacifiCorp; Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine, Leach Field Area; C/015/0019**

Dear Mr. Christensen:

This letter acknowledges the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSMRE) receipt and review of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOGGM) subject Decision Document dated May 11, 2020. Under Task #6083 PacifiCorp requests Phase II and III bond release on 3.70 acres at the Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine, Leach Field Area. DOGM notes PacifiCorp's compliance with the approved Utah regulatory program at R645-301-880 *et seq* and recommends authorizing Phase II and III bond release on the Leach Field Area as requested.

DOGGM conducted a field inspection of the Leach Field Area on March 24, 2020; no issues were noted. OSMRE was unable to attend the inspection. Surface ownership of the subject parcel is federal. Accordingly, the Bureau of Land Management, Price Field Office (PFO) conducted its own field inspection on March 25, 2020. By letter dated March 26, 2020 the PFO expressed satisfaction with reclamation of the Leach Field Area. We interpret this to mean that PacifiCorp is in compliance with all applicable lease stipulations. PacifiCorp requests, and DOGM proposes to grant, reclamation liability release only and no reduction in the current bond amount of \$977,232. In accordance with 30 CFR § 740.15 (d)(3) and 30 CFR § 944.30, Article IX, Section B of the State-Federal Cooperative Agreement, OSMRE provides its concurrence with this action.

Please direct any questions to Tom Medlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, at [tmedlin@osmre.gov](mailto:tmedlin@osmre.gov).

Sincerely,

Howard E. Strand, Manager  
Denver Field Branch

C: PacifiCorp