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Subject: **Extension Request – Abatement of NOV 10135, Alton Coal Development, LLC,
Coal Hollow Mine, C/025/0005**

Dear Mr. Haddock,

Alton Coal Development, LLC,(ACD) pursuant to R645-400-324, respectfully request a ninety-day extension of time to abate NOV 10135. The NOV was received January 15, 2014 and requires rough backfill and grade Pit #6 and Pit #9 by February 14, 2014. This extension request is not required due to lack of diligence. ACD has been actively backfilling Pit 6 and 9 since the completion of coal removal from respective pits. At this time Pit 6 requires approximately 640,000 cubic yards of material to backfill and Pit 9 requires approximately 2,713,000 cubic yards. This amount of material would require greater than 200 working days with 5 operating 150 ton haulage trucks, thus not allowing any production of coal.

In sum, the extension of time is needed to allow ACD time to meet the requirement to rough backfill of Pits 6 and 9. If granted, the extension would allow the rough backfill to continue until May 15, 2014.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

B. Kirk Nicholes
Environmental Specialist