EVENT VIOLATION INSPECTOR'S STATEMENT

Company/Mine: Alton Coal Development LLC
Permit #: ~~C/007/001~~ C/025/0005

NOV # 10135
Violation # 1 of 1

A. SERIOUSNESS

1. What type of event is applicable to the regulation cited? Refer to the DOGM reference list of event below and remember that **the event is NOT the same as the violation**. Mark and explain each event.

- ☐ a. Activity outside the approved permit area.
- ☐ b. Injury to the public (public safety).
- ☐ c. Damage to property.
- ☐ d. Conducting activities without appropriate approvals.
- ☐ e. Environmental harm.
- ☐ f. Water pollution.
- ☒ g. Loss of reclamation/revegetation potential.
- ☐ h. Reduced establishment, diverse and effective vegetative cover.
- ☐ i. No event occurred as a result of the violation.
- ☐ j. Other.

Explanation: _____

2. Has the even occurred? No

If yes, describe it. If no, what would cause it to occur and what is the probability of the event(s) occurring? (None, Unlikely, Likely).

Explanation: If Pit #6 and Pit #9 are not backfilled, Unlikely.

3. Did any damage occur as a result of the violation? No

If yes, describe the duration and extent of the damage or impact. How much damage may have occurred if the violation had not bee discovered by a DOGM inspector? Describe this potential damage and whether or not it would extend off the disturbed and/or permit area.

Explanation: _____

B. DEGREE OF FAULT (Check the statements which apply to the violation and discuss).

☐ Was the violation not the fault of the operator (due to vandalism or an act of God), explain. Remember that the permittee is considered responsible for the actions of all persons working on the mine site.

Explanation: _____

☒ Was the violation the result of not knowing about DOGM regulations, indifference to DOGM regulations or the result of lack of reasonable care.

Explanation: The regulation cited indicates that rough backfilling and grading should occur within 60 days of the completeion of mining.

☐ If the actual or potential environmental harm or harm to the public should have been evident to a careful operator, describe the situation and what, if anything, the operator did to correct it prior to being cited.

Explanation: _____

☐ Was the operator in violation of a specific permit condition?

Explanation: _____

☐ Has DOGM or OSM cited the violation in the past? If so, give the dates and the type of warning or enforcement action taken.

Explanation: _____

C. GOOD FAITH

1. In order to receive good faith for compliance with an NOV or CO, the violation must have been abated before the abatement deadline. If you think this applies, describe how rapid compliance was achieved (give date) and describe the measures the operator took to comply as rapidly as possible.

Explanation: _____

2. Explain whether or not the operator had the necessary resources on site to achieve compliance.

Explanation: Equipment is available onsite to accomplish the rough rough backfilling and grading.

3. Was the submission of plans prior to physical activity required by this NOV / CO? No If yes, explain.

Explanation: _____

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Authorized Representative	Signature	Date

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