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Subject: Approval of Response to Division Order -13A, Coal Hollow Mine, Alton Coal Development LLC, C/025/0005, Task ID #4463

Dear Mr. Nicholes:

The Division has completed a review of your submittal dated December 10, 2013, which was made in response to Division Order DO-13A. The required permit changes you submitted are hereby approved and the submittal is accepted for incorporation into the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan. A stamped incorporated copy is enclosed for your records. This satisfies the requirements of the Division Order and it is hereby closed.

While reviewing the submittal, the Division identified a couple of areas in the MRP that could still use some clarification. It is suggested that the following language be added to the plan as an amendment so that more accurate commitments can be identified and tracked by both the Division and the permittee.

- *“ACD will update Dwg. 5-38 each year with the annual report. Each year ACD will include on the updated map and in the legend: the acres fully reclaimed (topsoiled and seeded); the acres backfilled; and if necessary, a revised projection of future reclamation. The map will be submitted as an amendment to replace the existing Dwg. 5-38 in the MRP. ACD will consult with the Division in the third quarter of each year of mining to determine the actual number of acres to be seeded.”*
- *“In addition to the employee training provided by ACD, sage grouse specialists represented by ACD’s sage grouse consultant, DWR’s sage grouse biologist and DOGM’s wildlife biologist will be invited to participate in the Wildlife awareness training program.”*

Adding this language in the abatement response to NOV #10135 would be appropriate. Thank you for your diligence in completing this permitting action. Please call me at (801) 538-5325 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Daron R. Haddock  
Coal Program Manager

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