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Subject: Initial Completeness Review, Rejection of Underground Mining Amendment, Alton Coal Development, LLC, Coal Hollow Mine, C/025/0005, Task ID #4772

Dear Mr. Nicholes:

Pursuant to R645-303-221, the Division completed the requisite 15-day Initial Completeness Review (ICR) for the underground mining application received on December 31, 2014 and denies the application for a technical review based on the following:

The C1C2 form indicates that Drawings 5-17 through 5-19 are removed; however, they should be replaced by one map, 5-17. The revised narrative refers to Drawing 5-17 on pages 5-14 and 5-47. Drawing 5-17 could not be found in the application.

Neither the application nor the C1C2 form includes Drawings 5-35, 5-35A and 5-36 which should all be revised with the new disturbed area boundary. Drawing 5-35A is a new map. Reference to these maps is made on p. 12 of the cover letter and has been added to page 5-69 of the narrative.

Drawing 5-2A is shown as being removed by the C1C2 form. However, on page 6 of the cover letter, the response to deficiency R645-301-521.162 states that Drawing 5-2A has had text updates to make it consistent. This discrepancy should be resolved.

On page 12 of the cover letter, reference is made to a supplemental drawing provided in response to deficiency R645-301-542.100. This drawing showing activity within 500 ft of the underground mine could not be found.

Page 7-67: The narrative describing the length and depth of sediment pond 3 needs to be adjusted to match the proposed 5-30 drawing. Drawing 5-30: The location of the decant pipe in Sediment Pond 3 appears to be in a good location, however cross-section SL-2 should show the location of decant pipe within the earthen dam.

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In order to be complete, the application must contain a revised Drawing 5-2A, Drawing 5-17, Drawing 5-35, Drawing 5-35A, and Drawing 5-36 and the supplemental drawing (500 ft radius of UG mining) along with a new C1C2 form.

If you have any questions, please call Daron Haddock (801) 538-5325 or Priscilla Burton at (435) 613-3733 for further details.

Sincerely,



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