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Fwd: Request for variance on timing of backfill - NPL Pit 6

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Drew, Your request for a variance on backfill timing is reasonable. You are hereby granted till May 15 to complete the backfilling of pit 6. Thanks. Daron

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 8, 2017, at 11:49 AM, Andrew Christensen <drew@altoncoal.com> wrote:

Hi Daron,

In an effort to remain transparent and compliant with our MRP chapter 5 sections 542 & 553, ACD needs to request a variance for the timing of backfill for Pit 6 of the North Private Lease. After final removal of coal from Pit 6 about the 1st of February, we have relocated our primary excavation equipment to Pit B-1 in the South Area. The equipment will remain in Pit B-1 until coal mining has been completed. In the meantime, we are moving forward with facilities construction for the extension of NPL Area 1 into Pits 7, 8 and 9. Once Pit B-1 and the facilities are complete, excavation equipment will again relocate to the NPL to commence excavation in Pit 7 and thereby backfill of Pit 6. The schedule for these movements is weather dependent, but we roughly expect to recommence backfill of Pit 6 around mid-March.

ACD's MRP requires backfill of the pit within 60 days of last coal removal which would have been around the 2nd of April. We are therefore requesting a variance for backfill of Pit 6 to be completed within 60 days of beginning excavation in Pit 7, with a final date around the 15th of May.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks and Regards,

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