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Coal Hollow- Reclamation Status Table

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Good morning,

As a follow up to our conversations regarding the Reclamation Status Table (RST) reporting that we recently completed, I've attached a couple documents to that could help us in the future.

One of the documents (DRMS ARR Form.pdf) is a form that is utilized in Colorado's coal program to aid in the accounting of the various acreages identified in the RST table. Per conversations with OSM, it's acceptable to utilize a calendar year (as opposed to OSM's fiscal year calendar) in compiling this information provided that we are consistent in that approach. Having said that, it's worth considering adding this form to Coal Hollow's annual reports that are submitted 1st quarter every year.

The other document are the instructions for the RST table. I realize you've been provided these previously, but thought it prudent to go ahead and include them again with the form.

Please give me a call if you have questions or want to have a quick conference call to discuss.

Regards,
Steve

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2 attachments

**DRMS ARR Form.pdf**

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**Instructions for Completing the RST Tables (11-18-2016 edits).docx**

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Instructions for Completing the Reclamation Status Table 11/18/2017
In the first column, enter on separate lines the permittee, name of the mine, permit number or areas recognized by the regulatory authority as logical reclamation units (e.g., Area 2, 3, and 6; Area 10; Area 12; and Eastwing).
In the Mine Type column identify each mine as surface, underground, or other.
For columns #1 thru #16 all numbers are acres, whole numbers, and rounded up to the nearest whole number.
Column #1: Acres disturbed during the OSM evaluation year, which is the State's current Annual Report Period. Acres disturbance by mining should always be considered disturbed, regardless of reclamation or bond release status.
Column #2: Total acres disturbed for all years. This acreage includes ALL acres that were disturbed, regardless of reclamation or bond release status. The disturbed acreage equals the sum of the disturbance types indicated in columns 3: Long-term mining or reclamation facilities, column 4: Active mining areas, and column 6: Areas backfilled and graded (total all years). Column 2 = 3 + 4 + 6.
Note: All disturbances should be categorized as one of the three disturbance types (long-term facilities, active mining areas, or areas backfilled & graded) at all times. Acreages should be moved between these three categories as the land status changes while ensuring these three columns continue to sum to the disturbed area total. For instance, when a pit is completely backfilled and graded, those acres should be deleted from column 4, active mining areas, and added to column 5 and 6, areas backfilled and graded. In the event of re-disturbance, acreages should be moved to the appropriate disturbance type column. If the acres were backfilled and graded but now host long-term facilities, the applicable acres should be subtracted from column 6, acres backfilled and graded, and added to column 3, long-term mining or reclamation facilities. However, subsequent columns (e.g. phased bond release, soiled and seeded/planted) should not be revised to indicate re-disturbance. Instead, enter a footnote in the row to denote the acreage re-disturbed and the columns which include those acres (e.g. Phase I bond release, soiled and seeded/planted) for the mine. This will facilitate our reporting based upon information tracked and reported by operators and States, and will also help rectify totals at final bond release and termination of jurisdiction.
Column #3: Long-term mining or reclamation facilities include haul and access roads; temporary dams and impoundments; permanent dams and impoundments; diversion and collector ditches; water and air monitoring sites; topsoil stockpiles; overburden stockpiles; offices; repair, storage, and construction areas; coal stockpile, loading, and processing areas; railroads; coal conveyors; refuse piles and coal mine waste impoundments; head-of-hollow fills; valley fills; ventilation shafts and entryways; and non-coal waste disposal areas (garbage dumps and coal combustion by-products disposal areas); and temporary cessation of operation areas.

Column #4: Active mining areas include areas in advance of the pits stripped of topsoil, active pit area, ramps, active spoil areas; and any backfill areas not yet to final grade.
Column #5: Acres backfilled and graded to the approved PMT during the year. These areas may or may not be topsoiled.
Column #6: Total acres backfilled and graded to the approved PMT for all years. Most areas will be backfilled and graded prior to receiving Phase I bond release. Please note that permanent facilities will not be backfilled and graded prior to bond release and should continue to be accounted for in column 3.
Column #7: Disturbed acres released for Phase I during the evaluation year.
Column #8: Total disturbed acres released from Phase I, for all years. Do not subtract from this column unless a decision to release bond is rescinded. Acres do not “move through” the phases of bond release in this table. All bond release actions are recorded permanently.
Column #9: Disturbed acres that have been topsoiled and seeded during the evaluation year.
Column #10: Total disturbed acres that have been topsoiled and seeded for all years.
Column #11: Disturbed acres released for Phase II during the evaluation year. Acres that undergo a Phase II bond release MUST have also received a Phase I bond release. If a combined phase bond release is approved, ensure the acreage is also reported in columns 7 and 8 as appropriate.
Column #12: Total disturbed acres released from Phase II, for all years. Do not subtract from this column unless a decision to release bond is rescinded. Acres do not “move through” the phases of bond release in this table. All bond release actions are recorded permanently.
Column #13: Disturbed acres that have been seeded for 10 years as of the evaluation year.
Column #14: Total disturbed acres that have been seeded for 10 years or more.
*Column #15: Disturbed acres released for Phase III during the evaluation year. Acres that undergo a Phase III bond release MUST have also received a Phase I and II bond release. If a combined phase bond release is approved, ensure the acreage is also reported in columns 7, 8, 11, and 12 as appropriate.
*Column #16: Total disturbed acres released from Phase III, for all years.
*Note: Some States may have a 4 phase bond release system. All data in this table refers to OSM Phase I, II or III bond release. OSM Phase III bond release is final bond release.
When a full Phase III bond release and termination of jurisdiction occurs, report the bond release as usual during the Evaluation Year. For the following year’s report, move the entire row associated with that mine down to the blue-shaded “Final Bond Release Sites” group. This retains an historic record of

mining and reclamation activity within the state.