

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PHASE 2 BOND
RELEASE
APPLICATION
COAL HOLLOW
MINE, ALTON COAL
DEVELOPMENT, LLC**

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Phase 2 Bond Release
Application
Coal Hollow Mine (CHM)
Alton Coal Development,
LLC
463 N 100 W, Suite 1
Cedar City, UT 84721
MSHA # 42-02519
Permit # C/025/0005
Permit Approval
11/08/2010**

Notice is hereby given that Alton Coal Development, LLC has filed an application with the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for Phase 2 Bond Release on approximately 86.21 acres of the Coal Hollow Mine ("CHM" or the "Reclaimed Coal Mine").

All areas for bond release have met the standards of the Utah Coal Program as to the vegetation and water quality requirements for Phase 2 Bond Release (refer to R645-301-880). The locations of the Reclaimed Coal Mine areas in Kane County, Utah are as follows:

BRP2 - 3 - A portion of the CHM within the NW 1/4 NE1/4, E 1/2 NE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec. 30 T39S, R5W containing **51.93** acres. **BRP2 - 3** includes the former Pit 20A, Pit 20B, HWT 1-A through HWT 3-B and Surf4 & 5 of the South Private Lease. Phase 1 bond release was approved for the Pit and HWT areas on November 7, 2015 and May 4, 2016. Topsoil (approximately 8") was placed in the fall of 2015, 2016 and spring of 2016 for various portions of BRP2-3. Straw mulch at a minimum of 1,500 lbs./acre and Nutri-Mulch® at a minimum of 1,500 lbs./acre were placed on the soil surface. Following top soiling and mulching, the prepared portions were seeded in December of 2014, January of 2015 and October & March of 2016.

BRP2 - 4 - A portion of the CHM within the NW 1/4, NE 1/4 and the NE 1/4, NW 1/4 of Sec. 30 T39S, R5W and the SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Sec. 19 T39S, R5W containing **31.35** acres. **BRP2 - 4** includes the former Pit 1A, Pit 1B, Pit 2, Pit 4, Pit 24, Pit 7 and Pit 8 of the South Private Lease. Phase 1 bond release was approved for this area on November 7, 2015 and May 4, 2016. Topsoil (approximately 8") was placed in the fall of 2014, 2015 and Spring of 2016 for various portions of BRP2-4. Straw mulch at a minimum of 1,500 lbs./acre and Nutri-Mulch® at a minimum of 1,500 lbs./acre were placed on the soil surface. Following top soiling and mulching, the prepared portions were seeded in November 2014, March & October 2016 and November of 2017.

BRP2 - 5 - A portion of the CHM within the NW 1/2, NE 1/4 of Sec. 13 T39S, R6W containing **2.93** acres. **BRP2 - 5** includes the former Pit 1 of the North Private Lease. Phase 1 bond release was approved for the Pit 1 on January 18, 2017. Topsoil (approximately 18") was placed in the fall of 2016. Straw mulch at a minimum of 1,500 lbs./acre and Nutri-Mulch® at a minimum of 1,500 lbs./acre were placed on the soil surface. Following top soiling and mulching, the prepared portions were seeded in October of 2016.

The Phase 2 bond release application is for a liability reduction of \$ 347,697 from the current disturbance liability of \$ 13,272,562. The current bond for Coal Hollow Mine will remain at \$13,370,000. All of the above-described areas within the Reclaimed Coal Mine meet the requirements of the MRP and the Division's regulations for post mine land use and for backfilling, re-grading and drainage control standards.

A copy of the Phase 2 bond release application with the complete legal description for each area may be examined at the office of Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801 and written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference may be submitted to the Salt Lake City address. Said comments must be submitted thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication of this notice. This notice is being published to comply with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, the Utah Coal Mining and Reclamation Act and State and Federal regulations promulgated pursuant to said Acts.

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