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Authorization to Proceed

Fall Creek Community Reclamation Project
Site Number 12501
Van Buren County, TN

Mr. Trevor Martin, Environmental Program Manager
Land Reclamation Section
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
3711 Middlebrook Pike
Knoxville, Tennessee 37921-6538

Dear Mr. Eagle,

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) Knoxville Field Office has reviewed the Categorical Exclusion Certification and Determination (CE) for the Crab Mountain Reclamation Project (Site No. 12501) and your request to proceed with construction using funds awarded under the Fiscal Year 2012 Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Consolidated Grant, Non-Water Supply cost category (47204). Based upon our review of the CE you prepared and consultation agency comments, we concur with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Land Reclamation Section that the proposed reclamation conforms to the exclusion criteria in 516 DM 6, Chapter 13, and will not have a significant effect on the human environment. This site is excluded from further NEPA document requirements.

Accordingly, pursuant to Federal Assistance Manual section 4-160-40D.3, **you are authorized to proceed with site reclamation.** In accordance with inventory guidelines found in OSM Directive AML-1, and your AMLIS updating procedures, Fall Creek Community Reclamation Project AMLIS features were updated from “unfunded” to “funded” based on your AMLIS budget estimate for the features.



A copy of the CE signed by OSM for this AML construction is enclosed for your records. Please contact Elizabeth Smith at 865-545-4103 Ext. 135 if you any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. D. Bandy, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Earl D. Bandy, Jr., Director
Knoxville Field Office

Enclosure