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Authorization to Proceed

FEB 06 2015

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

Dear Trevor,

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) Knoxville Field Office has reviewed the Categorical Exclusion Certification and Determination (CE) for the Rocky River Phase II Reclamation Project (Site No. 12502) and your request to proceed with construction using funds awarded under the Fiscal Year 2012 Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Consolidated Grant (No. S12AF2003), TN Non-Water Supply Project Cost Category (Sub-account No. 47103). 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, the Rocky River Phase II Reclamation Project AMLIS features are to be updated from “unfunded” to “funded” based on your AMLIS budget estimate for the features.

A copy of the CE signed by OSMRE 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 black ink, appearing to read "E. Bandy, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

Enclosure

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

Signature:

Trevor Martin

Date:

1/30/15

Name and Title:

Trevor Martin, AML Program Manager

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OSM DETERMINATION

This project conforms with the exclusion criteria in 516 DM 6, Appendix 8, and is excluded from further NEPA compliance.

This project does not conform with the exclusion criteria in 516 DM 6, Appendix 8, and requires an environmental assessment.

Signature:

Earl Bandy Jr.

Date:

2/6/15

Name and Title:

Earl Bandy Jr. Knoxville Field Office Director