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OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

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Authorization to Proceed December 29, 2016

Mr. Trevor Martin
AML Program Manager
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 Service Branch Reclamation Project (Site No. 15501) and your request to proceed with construction using funds awarded under the Fiscal Year 2015 Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Consolidated Grant (No. GR517470), TN Non-Water Supply Project Cost Category (Sub-account No. 47503). 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, Appendix 8, 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 OSMRE Directive AML-1, and your AMLIS updating procedures, the Service Branch Reclamation Project AMLIS features are to be updated from “unfunded” to “funded” based on your AMLIS budget estimate for the features.

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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 blue ink, appearing to read "Earl D. Bandy, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Acting FOD

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

Enclosure

V. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

Signature: Trevor Martin Date: 12/22/16

Name and Title: Trevor Martin, AML Program Manager

VI. 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: William R. Winters Date: 12/29/16

Name and Title: William R. Winters, Acting FOD