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PERMIT ID: C1984003B

REVISION TYPE: MR - Minor Revision

PERMITTING ACTION: Review

SUBJECT: MR53; Additional Mine Plan Passes

I completed a review of Western's April 16, 2013 submittal and have the following deficiencies and comments:

Deficiencies

ARM 17.24.310(1)(a): The Department interprets the "approximate amounts of explosives to be used for each type of ... operation" as meaning a range of powder factors for coal, conventional overburden, cast blasting, and pre-strip.

ARM 17.24.310(1)(b): Representative drill patterns must be described for each type of blasting. If the same pattern is used for all types of overburden blasting than this to must be noted.

I find that the proposed mining will not significantly affect the bond. The Area B bond is in need of updating. It can be updated as part of a mid-permit review, part of Application 00184, or this revision.

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