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Stephanie Paavola  
GIS/Environmental Specialist  
BNI Coal, Ltd.  
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Dear Ms. Paavola:

On March 22, 2013, the Reclamation Division received the applications for Final Bond Release No. 4 to Permit BNCR-9401 and Final Bond Release No. 9 to Permit 37 at the Center Mine. The bond release inspection will be postponed until late spring or early summer, since conditions at this time of year are not favorable to evaluate the reclamation, in particular vegetative cover, on the tracts. Please do not mail the notification letters or publish the public notice until we review them and the bond release inspection is scheduled. We intend to review the public notification items and non-technical aspects of the bond release applications by the end of this month, closer to the time when the bond release inspection will be scheduled.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Deutsch".

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division

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