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Dear Mr. Gunsch:

This is in follow-up to your October 12, 2020 objection email regarding Revision 32 to Surface Coal Mining Permit KRSB-8603 and our inspection and meeting with you last fall.

The Reclamation Division received DWC's response to our technical review of pending Revision 32 to Permit KRSB-8603. DWC responded to our concerns regarding changes to the post-mining topography by stating that they are withdrawing their request to alter the approved post-mining topography of the Gold Pit area.

The Reclamation Division is concerned that there may not be enough spoil available to achieve the approved post mining topography. We will be working with DWC to evaluate the feasibility of achieving the post mining topography and will keep you apprised of any significant changes to the post-mining topography of your land located in the W1/2 of Section 22. Unfortunately, reclamation will be delayed in the Gold Pit area until the post-mining topography material balance issue has been resolved. The attached map identifies the land encompassed by the Gold Pit and other pit / mine areas in Permit KRSB-8603.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Dean K. Moos
Director
Reclamation Division

Attachment

cc w/attachment via email only: Jesse Noel (jnoel@westmoreland.com)
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