



Re: [EXTERNAL] Center Mine\Permits\BNCR - 9401\Revisions\Rev19_Ren6

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Good morning Jonathan,

A mining plan approval from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management *is not required* for the revision for the Center Mine Rev.19/Ren.6.

There is no change in the mining plan that would affect the conditions of its approval pursuant to Federal law or regulation. See 30 C.F.R. Part 746.18(d)(1).

2. No change would occur that would affect the level of protection to land, facilities and places designated unsuitable for mining because the area is designated as suitable for mining. See 30 C.F.R. Part 746.18(d)(2).

3. There is no change in the amount of coal to be mined. See C.F.R. Part 746.18(d)(3).

4. The significant revision would not extend mining and reclamation activities onto leased Federal coal for the first time. See 30 C.F.R. Part 746.18(d)(4).

5. The significant revision does not meet OSMRE's standards (516 DM 13.4) of a major Federal action normally requiring an Environmental Impact Statement. See 30 C.F.R. Part 746.18(d)(5).

6. There is no change proposed to the mining operations and reclamation plan that would result in a change to the post mining land use of Federally owned surface land. The current post mining land use is grassland, cropland and wildlife. See 30 C.F.R. § 746.18(d)(6).

Therefore, a mining plan approval from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management is not required for the revision for the Center Mine Rev.19/ Ren 6. The OSMRE's decision is based upon consideration of the requirements at 30 C.F.R. § Parts 740 and 746.

Consequently, OSMRE's decision does not relieve PSC from coordinating its review and approval of this action and securing approval from other Federal agencies for compliance.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the action and the conversation we had, your time is greatly appreciated.

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