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Ms. Cherie Harms, President
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Dear Ms. Harms:

The Reclamation Division has completed its review of the worst-case reclamation cost calculation submitted by Leonardite Products, LLC as part of Revision No. 12 to Permit GRGR-0501 for the Stony Creek Mine. The minimum bond amount of \$648,439.16 proposed with Revision No. 12 has been determined to be adequate.

Permit GRGR-0501 is currently covered by Collateral Bond No. CB-LC-GRGR-0501-06 (Letter of Credit with BNC National Bank) in the amount of \$427,029.00. Since the bond amount of a collateral bond cannot be increased with a rider, a new letter of credit for the minimum bond amount, a new collateral bond agreement for a letter of credit (SFN 54102), and a new collateral bond indemnity agreement (SFN 17709) must be executed. Alternatively, Leonardite Products LLC could retain the current letter of credit and provide a new surety or collateral bond to cover the increase of \$221,410.16. The appropriate state forms are available on our website under Coal/Forms.

Considering the expiration date of November 2, 2025 for Permit GRGR-0501 and current worst-case reclamation condition at the Stony Creek Mine, the Reclamation Division will not require the bond to be increased prior to recommending Commission approval of Revision No. 12 and Renewal No. 4. However, a special condition will be attached to the approval of Revision No. 12 to require the bond to be increased by a specific date.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Emmer
Director
Reclamation Division

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