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Dear Mr. Sundsbak:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC's (WBM) abatement and remediation plan submitted in response to Notice of Violation (NOV) 2501, which was issued on May 20, 2025. The remediation plan was originally submitted to the Reclamation Division on May 28, 2025, and was subsequently revised and resubmitted on June 16, 2025. The remediation plan is conditionally approved on the condition that WBM should use consistent methodology (soil probe, auger, or spade) for collecting each soil sample, and the grid overlay should be oriented parallel to the area where spoil was removed to eliminate sample gaps. Figure 2 of the remediation plan currently shows a 150 foot gap between sample points 33 and 47. The Reclamation Division concurs with WBM's plan to verify and document topsoil depths at all 67 sample locations as indicated in Figure 2 and Figure 3 of the remediation plan.

Sample points 64 through 67 depicted in Figure 3 of the remediation pan appear to be on reclaimed native grassland rather than cropland, and 7 inches of topsoil was to be respread on the native grassland. WBM should establish the post-mining land use boundary in this area to ensure the proper depth of topsoil is sampled.

Please notify the Reclamation Division when WBM plans to collect the soil samples to provide an opportunity for inspectors to be on site during the collection process.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Emmer".

Jonathan Emmer
Director
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