



May 7, 2021

Sent via electronic mail

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Navajo Transitional Energy Company
Spring Creek Coal Mine
P.O. Box 67
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Permit ID: C1979012
Revision Type: Minor Revision/Permit Transfer
Permitting Action: Complete and Acceptability Determination
Subject: MR262; Permit Transfer to NTEC

Dear Laura:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed its review of Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (NTEC) application to transfer Coal Permit C1979012 from Spring Creek Coal, LLC to NTEC. DEQ has determined that the application is complete and acceptable.

NTEC may proceed with publishing its public notice in a paper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed activity [MCA 82-4-226(8)(e)]. The notice must be published once. A 15-day comment period will follow the date of publication. Please be sure to notify DEQCoal@mt.gov when coordinating the public notice as well. Additionally, please update the following paragraph on the public notice before submitting it to the newspaper:

Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences on this application may be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, Coal Section, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 within 15 days of receipt of the final publication of this notice or by emailing DEQCoal@mt.gov.

The bond required for the transfer is \$117,550,000.

If no comments are received during the comment period, DEQ will issue written findings 45 days from the date of this letter in accordance with ARM 17.24.418 and ARM 17.24.405.

Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert A. Smith".

Robert Smith, Supervisor
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