

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA Virginia Department of Energy Division of Mined Land Repurposing

NPDES Permit Number: 0082380 Associated CSMO Permit Number: 1702380 Permit Application Number: 1011399

Permit Original Issue Date: 12/27/2022 Application Approval Date: 3/4/2025 Expiration Date: 12/27/2027

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE VIRGINIA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND THE VIRGINIA STATE WATER CONTROL LAW

Pursuant to Authority under Section 45.2-1029 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Regulation, Part X - Delegation of Authority to the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy for Coal Surface Mining Operations (9VAC25-31-940), the following owner is authorized to discharge from the facility listed below in compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act as amended and pursuant to the State Water Control Law and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and in accordance with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Sections A, B, C, and D of this permit and the plans and requirements found in joint CSMO/NPDES permit number 1702380/0082380 and any and all subsequent approved permitting actions. For the purpose of this permit, NPDES and VPDES permits are synonymous.

Owner: CLINTWOOD JOD, LLC

Facility Name: WOLFPEN BRANCH SURFACE MINE

County: BUCHANAN

Facility Location: WOLFPEN BRANCH OFF STATE ROUTE 650

The owner is authorized to discharge to the following receiving streams:

Stream Name	Stream Basin	Stream Subbasin	Stream Tier
LEFT FORK	BIG SANDY	TUG FORK - KNOX CK	Tier I
LESTER FORK	BIG SANDY	TUG FORK - KNOX CK	Tier I
WOLFPEN BRANCH	BIG SANDY	TUG FORK - KNOX CK	Tier I

Director, Division of Mined Land Repurposing	_
Date	

Permit Contents

The complete joint CSMO/NPDES permit consists of the following:

- I. The approved CSMO/NPDES Permit Application, and any and all subsequent approved permit revisions, renewals, midterms, anniversary reports, completion reports, and DMLR administrative actions.
- II. The CSMO/NPDES Permit Document, including

Permit Signature Page

Section A – Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements

Section B – Schedule of Compliance (if applicable)

Section C – Standard Terms and Conditions

Section D – Other Requirements

Facility Information

Permittee Name: CLINTWOOD JOD, LLC

Address: P. O. BOX 100

City: BELCHER State: KY Zip: 41513

Facility: WOLFPEN BRANCH SURFACE MINE **Total permit acres:** 471.63, BUCHANAN

Application Information:

Application Type: ACRES AMENDMENT

Application Description: To amend 256.97 acres for additional mining area, to add Ponds H9 thru H32, WP3A, WP3B as well as numerous NPDES outfalls, to delete SHF-WP2 and Pond WP2, to revise HF-WP3, Pond S2 and Pond H8, to delete monitoring points that were relinquished from permit #1402339 in the original permit application, to delete the Prep Plant and Refuse Disposal mine types, and to revise the incremental bonding plan/map.

NPDES Outfall Description:

NPDES outfalls associated with this permit result from the control of surface water runoff resulting from precipitation and/or groundwater discharges from coal mining activities associated with mining. Treatment facilities may include sedimentation structures, chemical treatment such as the addition of neutralizing agents or flocculants, or no treatment (in the case of direct discharge of underground mine drainage when treatment is not required to meet applicable effluent limitations). The following details describe the treatment facility or source associated with each approved outfall. Specific information regarding each outfall and facility is found in Section V and Section XII of the CSMO/NPDES permit.

Section A Permit Requirements

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	N V	ZA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2~\mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2 \; \mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL mJ/l	$0.5\mathrm{mM}$	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H11 MPID 0012458	2458				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	35.0 mg/l	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 h	6/Quarter
Fotal Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA	NA	ΥZ	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2~\mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL mľl	0.5 mJ/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H12 MPID 0012459	2459				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2 \ \mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Fotal Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	ΥZ	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2~\mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL mI/I	0.5 ml/l	Z,	NA A	6/Ouarter

Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H14 MPID 0012461	2461				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	$35.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H15 MPID 0012462	2462				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	$35.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	m NLmg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	2.0 mg/l	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA V	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H16 MPID 0012463	2463				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$^{ m NA}$	$0.2~\mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	m NLmg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	٧Z	0.2 In	6/Quarter
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Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$^{ m NA}$	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H18 MPID 0012465	2465				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/1	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	4.0 mg/l	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL mI/1	$0.5\mathrm{mM}$	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H19 MPID 0012466	2466				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA V	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2 \; \mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	m NLmg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	٧Z	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H2 MPID 0012088	188				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	m NLmg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	VΑ	0.2 In	6/Quarter
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Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2~\mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H21 MPID 0012468	1468				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	35.0 mg/l	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	4.0 mg/l	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL mI/I	0.5 mJ/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H22 MPID 0012469					
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	m NLmg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	٧Z	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL m1/1	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H23 MPID 0012470	2470				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA AN	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	٧Z	0.2 In	6/Quarter
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Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$^{ m NA}$	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H25 MPID 0012472	2472				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/1	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL mI/1	$0.5\mathrm{mM}$	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H26 MPID 0012473					
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	$ m NL\ mg/l$	$^{ m NA}$	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$^{ m NA}$	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	NA V	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H27 MPID 0012474					
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2~\mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	m NLmg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	V A	0.2 In	6/Quarter
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Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	35.0 mg/l	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2 \mathrm{\ In}$	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H29 MPID 0012476	476				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2~\mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/1	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	V N	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H3 MPID 0012089					
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	$^{ m NA}$	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2 \; \mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	m NLmg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	Ϋ́Z	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H30 MPID 0012477	477				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	$^{ m NA}$	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	$35.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$^{ m NA}$	$0.2~\mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/1	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	ΑN	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Colide	NT 1/1	0.51/1	N. A.	* 1. /	4

Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/1	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H32 MPID 0012483	7481				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Fotal Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	4.0 mg/l	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL mI/I	$0.5\mathrm{mM/I}$	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H4 MPID 0012090					
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	$^{ m NA}$	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	m NLmg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	٧Z	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL m1/1	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall H5 MPID 0012091	191				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	m NLmg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	٧Z	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Cottlooble Colide	NT 1/1	- L C	4 1 4		

Solids Solids II IPID 0012455 IPID 0012456 IPID 0012085 Solids II II Solids Solids II	7.14	Mumum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
NL Std	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Second S	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Solids	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
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NL Std	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
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Dissolved Solids	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
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NL GPM	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
NL Std 35.0 mg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Suspended Solids 35.0 mg/l	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
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	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	Ϋ́Z	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Solids NL ml/I	0.5 ml/l	AZ Z	ĄZ.	6/Quarter
RMR	NA NA	NA	NA	

Outfall S2 MPID 0012086				5 - CH C 2557	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Mınımum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Kate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	35.0 mg/l	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	Ϋ́N	> 10 Yr/24 Hr Event	6/Ouarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l) V	₹ Z	AN.	6/Ouarter
Iron. Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	₹ Z	> 10 Yr/24 Hr Event	6/Ouarter
Manganese Total	2.0 mg/l	4.0 mg/l	ĄZ	> 10 Yr/24 Hr Event	6/Ouarter
Settleable Solids	in i	0.5 m1/l	i A	₹Z	6/Onarter
Rep Chem	RMR	NA	NA	NA	1/Permit Tem
Outfall S3 MPID 0012087	280				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	\delta Z	NA AN	6/Ouarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	AN	6/Ouarter
Total Suspended Solids	35.0 mg/l	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	Ϋ́Z	0.2 In	6/Ouarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/1	\mathbf{N}	NA A	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA VA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	m NL~mM	$0.5\mathrm{mH}$	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Outfall WP3B MPID 0012541	012541				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Oualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	Ϋ́Z	Ϋ́Z	NA S	6/Ouarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0 \mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/l	NA VA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	3.0 mg/l	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	Ϋ́Z	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL mI/I	$0.5\mathrm{mM}$	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Rep Chem	RMR	NA AN	NA	NA	1/Permit Term
Acute WET	RWETMR TUa	٧Z	AZ.	NA	1/Quarter
Chronic WET	RWETMR TUc	NA	NA	NA	1/Quarter
Outfall WP2 MPID 0012075	12075				
	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Oualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA VA	NA K	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	VΑ	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	35.0 mg/l	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	$\frac{NL mg/l}{r}$, AA	AN :	NA 	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	AZ ?	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total Settleable Solids	2.0 mg/l NI m 1/1	4.0 mg/l 0.5 m1/l	₹ <	0.2 In	6/Quarter 6/Quarter
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Outfall WP3 MPID 0012125	12125				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	$35.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/1	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL mI/I	$0.5\mathrm{mM}$	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Rep Chem	RMR	NA	NA	NA	1/Permit Term
Acute WET	RWETMR TUa	NA	NA	NA	1/Quarter
Chronic WET	RWETMR TUc	NA	NA	NA	1/Quarter
Outfall WP-N MPID 0012083	012083				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	35.0 mg/l	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 ln	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	NL mg/1	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	$0.2~\mathrm{In}$	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$4.0~\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL m1/1	0.5 ml/l	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Rep Chem	RMR	NA	NA	NA	1/Permit Term

Outfall WP-S MPID 0012084	12084				
Parameter	Monthly Avg.	Maximum	Minimum	AEL Qualifying Event	Sample Rate/Interval
Flow	NL GPM	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Hd	NL Std	9.0 Std	6.0 Std	NA	6/Quarter
Total Suspended Solids	35.0 mg/l	$70.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Total Dissolved Solids	m NLmg/l	NA	NA	NA	6/Quarter
Iron, Total	$3.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	$6.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Manganese, Total	$2.0\mathrm{mg/l}$	4.0 mg/l	NA	0.2 In	6/Quarter
Settleable Solids	NL ml/l	0.5 mI/I	NA	NA	6/Quarter

*Outfall 002 (previous representative outfall) was deleted by inspector plan modification. Outfall WP3 has replaced Outfall 002 as the representative outfall within the drainage system. Outfall WP3B will, at a future date, replace Outfall WP3 as the representative outfall as mining progresses within the drainage system.

A) The collection method is to be a grab sample for all measurements except for flow, which may be either measured or estimated.

B) Samples for parameters required at a rate of 6/Quarter shall be collected twice per calendar month, at least seven days apart. Samples for parameters required at a rate of 3/Quarter shall be collected once per calendar month, at least seven days apart.

C) Monthly Avg. is to be the arithmetic mean of all samples collected in a calendar month. Max is to be a daily maximum and min is to be daily minimum for all measured parameters except for

pH, which is to be measured as an instantaneous maximum and instantaneous minimum. All limits are followed by the units in which they are to be measured. D) NL indicates monitoring is required with no limitations (No Limit). NA indicates the parameter does not apply to the particular outfall (Not Applicable).

E) RMR stands for Representative Monitoring Required. RWETMR stands for Representative Whole Effluent Toxicity Monitoring Required.

- F) The AEL Qualifying Event is the minimum rainfall event necessary for AELs (alternate effluent limitations) to apply to the specified parameter for the given outfall. The utilization of AELs is optional. Settleable solids analysis is required only if AELs are claimed.

 - G) TSS and TDS, when listed in an above table, are to be collected and reported at all times, even when an AEL is utilized.

 H) For any outfall designated as commingled (surface runoff/underground mine drainage) with an AEL precipitation minimum equivalent to a 10Y/24H event, if the treatment structure(s) are not controlling any underground mine drainage and contain only surface runoff (other than refuse areas) then a 0.2 inch AEL minimum shall apply. Application of the AEL is subject to all other conditions of 40 CFR 434. The permittee is responsible for maintaining such records necessary to meet the burden of proof for the AEL, including the date that underground mine dewatering. either pumped or gravity, last occurred.

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The term Department refers to the Virginia Department of Energy

- 1. This permit shall be modified, or alternatively revoked and reissued, to comply with any applicable effluent standard, limitation or prohibition for a pollutant which is promulgated or approved under Section 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act, if the effluent standard, limitation, or prohibition so promulgated or approved:
 - a. Is more stringent than any effluent limitation on the pollutant already in the permit; or
 - b. Controls any pollutant not limited in the permit.
- 2. This permit shall be modified or alternatively revoked and reissued if any approved waste load allocation procedure, pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, imposes waste load allocations, limits or conditions on the facility that are not consistent with the permit requirements.
- 3. This permit may be modified or alternatively revoked and reissued to incorporate appropriate limits in the event effluent monitoring indicates the need for any water quality-based limits.
- 4. The permittee shall notify the Department as soon as they know or have reason to believe:
 - a. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in this permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following notification levels:
 - (1) One hundred micrograms per liter;
 - (2) Two hundred micrograms per liter for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter for 2,4-dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol; and one milligram per liter for antimony;
 - (3) Five times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application; or
 - (4) The level established by the Board.
 - b. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in any discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of a toxic pollutant which is not limited in this permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following notification levels:
 - (1) Five hundred micrograms per liter;
 - (2) One milligram per liter for antimony;
 - (3) Ten times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application; or
 - (4) The level established by the Board.
- 5. Any and all product, materials, industrial wastes, and/or other wastes resulting from the purchase, sale, mining, extraction, transport, preparation, and/or storage of raw or intermediate materials, final product, by-product or wastes, shall be handled, disposed of, and/or stored in such a manner and consistent with Best Management Practices, so as not to permit a discharge of such product, materials, industrial wastes, and/or other wastes to State waters, except as expressly authorized.
- 6. The permittee shall monitor the effluent that is representative of outfall(s) S1, S2, WP3B, WP3, and WP-N for the substances noted in Part II, Section A.E.2, Table 1 according to the

indicated analysis number, quantification level, sample type and frequency. The outfalls listed above may be representative of a group of substantially similar outfalls on this mining operation.

Effluent characterization data for outfall(s) 002 (MPID 6070132) was provided in Application 1010168 (sample date 8/2018). The effluent characterization requirement for Application 1011399 has been satisfied. Additional effluent characterization will be required if the permittee chooses to renew the permit for a subsequent permit term. Additional effluent characterization may also be required if the permit is revised or if a substantive change to the nature of the effluent occurs. Note: Outfall 002 was deleted by Inpector Plan Mod on 7/5/2023, Outfall WP3 replaced Outfall 002 as the representative outfall. Outfall WP3B will, at a future date, replace Outfall WP3 as the representative outfall as mining progresses within the drainage system. It should be noted that Outfall WP3 and Outfall WP3B will not operate at the same time.

For new and proposed mining operations, the monitoring shall begin within six months of completion of construction of the first sedimentation basin serving any of each of these groups of substantially similar outfall locations, or as soon as a measurable discharge occurs. If the representative outfall is not constructed first or is not the first outfall of the group represented to discharge active mine drainage [Part II Section C NPDES Definitions, (B)], the first discharging outfall within a substantially similar group should be utilized. The sampled outfall will then serve as the representative outfall for this group unless otherwise determined by the Division. The permittee should send notification to the Division prior to sampling if the designated representative outfall is not utilized.

Sampling and analysis of the representative outfalls is also required at permit renewal.

The data shall be submitted with the discharge monitoring report for the final month of the calendar quarter in which the sampled discharge occurred. The data shall also be submitted with the materials required for permit reissuance.

Monitoring and analysis shall be conducted in accordance with 40 CFR Part 136 or alternative EPA approved methods. It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that proper QA/QC protocols are followed during the sample gathering and analytical procedures. The Department will use these data for making specific permit decisions in the future. This permit may be modified or, alternatively, revoked and reissued to incorporate limits for any of the substances listed in Part II, Section A.E.3, Table 1.

- 7. The permittee shall comply with the following reporting requirements for all Section A monitoring:
 - a. The quantification levels (QL) shall be less than or equal to the following concentrations:

Effluent Parameter	Quantification Leve		
TSS	1.0 mg/l		
TDS	1.0 mg/l		
Iron	1.0 mg/l		
Manganese	1.0 mg/l		
Selenium	2.5 µg/l		

The QL is defined as the lowest concentration used to calibrate a measurement system in accordance with the procedures published for the method. It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that proper quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) protocols are followed during the sampling and analytical procedures. QA/QC information shall be documented to confirm that appropriate analytical procedures have been used and the required QLs have been attained with the required precision. The permittee shall use any method in accordance with Part II Section C of this permit. The permittee shall use a VELAP certified analytical laboratory for all submitted analyses.

b. **Monthly Average** - Compliance with the monthly average limitations and/or reporting requirements for the parameters listed in Part II Section A of this permit condition shall be determined as follows: All concentration data below the QL given in Part II Section B.7.a will be treated as zero. All concentration data equal to or above the QL used for the analysis should be treated as reported. An arithmetic average is to be calculated using all reported data for the month, including the defined zeros. This arithmetic average must be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). If all measured values are below the OL used for the analysis, then the arithmetic average is to be defaulted to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the OL. If a quantified report is required on the DMR and the reported monthly average concentration is less than the QL, the monthly average is to be recorded as ½ of the OL value. If a quantified report is required on the DMR and the reported monthly average is greater than the QL, the actual reported data including defined zeroes is to be used along with flow data for each sample day to determine the daily averages. The monthly average is then to be reported as the arithmetic mean of the daily averages.

Daily Maximum - Compliance with the daily maximum limitations and/or reporting requirements for the parameters listed in Part II Section A of this permit condition shall be determined as follows: All concentration data below the QL used for the analysis (QL must be less than or equal to the QL listed in a. above) shall be treated as zero. All concentration data equal to or above the QL used for the analysis (QL must be less than or equal to the QL listed in a. above) shall be treated as reported. An arithmetic mean shall be calculated using all reported data, including the defined zeros, collected within each day during the reporting month. The maximum value of these daily averages shall be reported on the DMR as the Daily Maximum. If all data are below the QL used for the analysis (QL must be less than or equal to the QL listed in Part II Section B.7.a), the maximum value of the daily averages shall be reported numerically as ½ of the OL. If a quantified measurement is required on the DMR and the reported daily maximum is less than the QL, the daily maximum for the measured parameter is to be reported as $\frac{1}{2}$ of the given QL. In all other cases, the reported daily average concentrations (including the defined zeros) and corresponding daily flows are to be used in daily mean calculations.

Single Datum - Any single datum required shall be reported numerically as ½ of the QL if it is less than the QL used in the analysis (QL must be less than or equal to the QL listed in Part II Section A.B.7.a. above). Otherwise the numerical value shall be reported.

c. **Significant Digits** – The permittee shall report at least the same number of significant digits as the permit limit for a given parameter. Regardless of the

rounding convention used by the permittee (i.e., 5 always rounding up or to the nearest even number), the permittee shall use the convention consistently, and shall ensure that consulting laboratories employed by the permittee use the same convention.

C. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING:

- 1. Acute Monitoring: Outfall(s) (None)
 - a. The permittee shall monitor effluent that is representative of Outfall(s) (None) within 6 months of approval of this NPDES permit for acute toxicity tests until there are a minimum of 4 for each test required. The permittee shall perform these tests quarterly.

For new and proposed mining operations, the monitoring shall begin within six months of completion of construction of the first sedimentation basin serving any of each of these groups of substantially similar outfall locations, or as soon as a measurable discharge occurs. If the representative outfall is not constructed first or is not the first outfall of the group represented to discharge active mine drainage [Part II Section C NPDES Definitions, (B)], the first discharging outfall within a substantially similar group should be utilized. The sampled outfall will then serve as the representative outfall for this group unless otherwise determined by the Division. The permittee should send notification to the Division prior to sampling if the designated representative outfall is not utilized.

The acute tests to use are:

48 Hour Static Acute test with *Ceriodaphnia dubia* (EPA Method 2002) 48 Hour Static Acute test with *Pimephales promelas* (EPA Method 2000)

These acute tests are to be conducted using 5 geometric dilutions of effluent with a minimum of 4 replicates, with 5 organisms in each. The NOAEC (No Observed Adverse Effect Concentration), as determined by hypothesis testing, shall be reported on the DMR. The LC₅₀ should also be determined and noted on the submitted report. Tests in which control survival is less than 90% are not acceptable.

b. The test dilutions should be able to determine compliance with the following endpoint:

NOAEC = 100%

- c. The permittee shall submit the following information with the results of the toxicity tests:
 - (1) An estimate of the total volume discharged and the duration of the discharge.
 - (2) The time at which the discharge was initiated.
 - (3) The time at which sampling was initiated.
- d. The permittee may provide additional samples to address data variability during the period of initial data generation. These data shall be reported and may be included in the evaluation of effluent toxicity. Test procedures and reporting shall be in accordance with the WET testing methods cited in 40 CFR 136.3.
- e. The assembled data will be evaluated for reasonable potential at the conclusion of the test period. The data may be evaluated sooner if such evaluation is requested by

the permittee or if toxicity has been demonstrated over the course of sampling. Should evaluation of the data indicate that a limit is needed, WET limits and associated compliance schedules will be imposed and the permittee may cease the toxicity tests outlined in Part II Section C.1.a.

- f. If evaluation of the assembled data results in the conclusion that no limit is needed, the permittee shall perform an acute WET test for each species of each representative outfall at permit renewal as defined on the reporting schedule contained in Part II Section C.3. All applicable data will be reevaluated for reasonable potential at the end of the permit term.
- g. The permit may be modified or revoked and reissued to include pollutant specific limits in lieu of a WET limit should it be demonstrated that toxicity is due to specific parameters. The pollutant specific limits must control the toxicity of the effluent.
- 2. Acute and Chronic Monitoring: Outfall(s) WP3B and WP3
 - a. The permittee shall monitor effluent that is representative of Outfall(s) WP3B and WP3 within 6 months of approval of this NPDES permit for acute and chronic toxicity tests until there are a minimum of 4 for each test required. The permittee shall perform these tests quarterly. It should be noted that WP3 is currently constructed. Note, once WP3B is constructed WP3 will be deleted. WP3 and WP3B will not operate simultaneously.

For new and proposed mining operations, the monitoring shall begin within six months of completion of construction of the first sedimentation basin serving any of each of these groups of substantially similar outfall locations, or as soon as a measurable discharge occurs. If the representative outfall is not constructed first or is not the first outfall of the group represented to discharge active mine drainage [Part II Section C NPDES Definitions, (B)], the first discharging outfall within a substantially similar group should be utilized. The sampled outfall will then serve as the representative outfall for this group unless otherwise determined by the Division. The permittee should send notification to the Division prior to sampling if the designated representative outfall is not utilized.

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These acute tests are to be conducted using 5 geometric dilutions of effluent with a minimum of 4 replicates, with 5 organisms in each. The NOAEC (No Observed Adverse Effect Concentration), as determined by hypothesis testing, shall be reported on the DMR. The LC₅₀ should also be determined and noted on the submitted report. Tests in which control survival is less than 90% are not acceptable. The chronic tests to use are:

Chronic 3-Brood Survival and Reproduction Static Renewal Test with Ceriodaphnia dubia (EPA Method 1002)

Chronic 7-Day Survival and Growth Static Renewal Test with *Pimephales promelas* (EPA Method 1000)

These chronic tests shall be conducted in such a manner and at sufficient dilutions (minimum of five dilutions, derived geometrically) to determine the "No Observed Effect Concentration" (NOEC) for survival and reproduction or growth. Results which cannot be quantified (i.e., a "less than" NOEC value) are not acceptable, and a retest will have to be performed. A retest of a non-acceptable test must be performed within 30 days of the test it is replacing. Express the test NOEC as TUc (Chronic Toxic Units), by dividing 100/NOEC for DMR reporting. Report the LC50 at 48 hours and the IC25 with the NOEC's in the test report.

b. The test dilutions should be able to determine compliance with the following endpoint:

Acute NOAEC = 100%Chronic NOEC of 69% equivalent to a TU_C of 1.44

- c. The permittee shall submit the following information with the results of the toxicity tests:
 - (1). Estimate of the total volume discharged and the duration of the discharge.
 - (2). Time at which the discharge was initiated.
 - (3). Time at which sampling was initiated.
- d. The permittee may provide additional samples to address data variability during the period of initial data generation. These data shall be reported and may be included in the evaluation of effluent toxicity. Test procedures and reporting shall be in accordance with the WET testing methods cited in 40 CFR 136.3.
- e The test data will be evaluated statistically for reasonable potential at the conclusion of the test period. The data may be evaluated sooner if requested by the permittee, or if toxicity has been noted. Should evaluation of the data indicate that a limit is needed, a WET limit and compliance schedule will be required and the toxicity tests of Part II Section C.2.a may be discontinued.
- f. If after evaluating the data, it is determined that no limit is needed, the permittee shall continue acute and chronic toxicity testing (both species) of each representative outfall at renewal, as on the reporting schedule contained in Part II Section C.3. All applicable data will be reevaluated for reasonable potential at the end of the permit term.
- g. The permit may be modified or revoked and reissued to include pollutant specific limits in lieu of a WET limit should it be demonstrated that toxicity is due to specific parameters. The pollutant specific limits must control the toxicity of the effluent.

3. Reporting Schedule:

The permittee shall report the results of the toxicity tests on the appropriate DMR or other methods prescribed by the Department and supply one copy of the toxicity test reports specified in this Whole Effluent Toxicity Program. This data is to be provided within 30 days following the end of the calendar quarter in which the analysis was completed.

D. EVALUATION OF TMDL COMPLIANCE:

To be consistent with the assumptions and requirements of the applicable Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and any mining waste load allocations contained in the TMDL, the permittee shall implement best management practices (BMPs) as established in any compliance schedule included in the permit for this facility.

The BMPs and other requirements of the compliance schedule, if applicable, shall serve as water quality-based effluent limitations for this facility.

The wasteload currently exceeds the wasteload allocation. Therefore, an offset is required for the proposed wasteload in this application.

Offset Discussion:

Application 1009614, for Bearwallow Surface Mine – Permit 1101795, was approved for Phase 3 final bond release on 11/15/2015 after final reclamation was completed onsite. The Bearwallow Surface Mine reclaimed 274.89 acers of Abandoned Mines Lands (AML) features. The Knox Creek TMDL identifies the reclamation of AML acreage for reduction projects. The acreage identified was accounted for in the final Knox Creek TMDL as LA, its reclamation can act as a reduction for proposed mining operations.

Application 1011399, Wolfpen Branch Surface Mine – Permit 1702380, is adding 256.97 acres within the Knox Creek TMDL watershed. To offset the proposed wasteload, Wolfpen Branch Surface Mine's addition of 256.97 acres of new mining will be offset by the 274.89 AML acres reclaimed at the Bearwallow Surface Mine within the Knox Creek watershed.

It should be noted that reclamation of Bearwallow Surface Mine – Permit 1101795 was completed by the current permittee.

Knox Creek TDS Wasteload Report 2023-Q3

10-01-2022 to 09-30-2023

Watershed Information

Stressor:TDSWatershed Acres:48,069Wasteload Allocation:1,110,000Watershed Permits:13EPA TMDL Approval Date:03/27/07Watershed Outfalls:143

Watershed Wasteload and Reduction Summary 1

	Pre-TMDL Wasteloads ²	Post-TMDL Wasteloads ³	Total
Wasteload Allocation Available 4	1,110,000	0	1,110,000
Wasteload ⁵	3,861,674	1,625,971	5,487,645
Wasteload Balance	-2,751,674	-1,625,971	-4,377,645
Wasteload Reduction Required ⁶	2,751,674	1,625,971	4,377,645
Percent Reduction Required ⁷	71.3%	100.0%	79.8%

¹ Wasteload units are in kg/year unless otherwise noted.

² Pre-TMDL Wasteloads are calculated from outfalls existing before the EPA's approval of the TMDL.

³ Post-TMDL wasteloads are calculated from outfalls added after the EPA's approval of the TMDL.

⁴ The wasteload allocation available for pre-TMDL outfalls is the approved wasteload allocation for the watershed.

The wasteload allocation available for post-TMDL outfalls is any remaining balance not used by pre-TMDL outfalls.

S Wasteloads are calculated on a quarterly basis using reported monitoring data, which includes samples taken when an alternate effluent limitation (AEL) precipitation event is utilized.

⁶ In order to meet the wasteload allocation, all negative wasteload balance (i.e. the amount of wasteload exceeding the wasteload allocation) must be reduced.

⁷ The percent reduction required is used to assign wasteload reductions to permits when the watershed's wasteload exceeds the available wasteload allocation.

Permit Wasteload and Reduction Summarys

Permit Number	Pre-TMDL Wasteload ⁹	Pre-TMDL Reduction Required ¹⁰	Post-TMDL Wasteload ¹¹	Post-TMDL Reduction Required ¹²	Total Wasteload	Total Wasteload Reduction Required
1201630	0	0	0	0	0	0
1401647	0	0	22,725	22,725	22,725	22,725
1101823	0	0	0	0	0	0
1202083	1,913	1,363	0	0	1,913	1,363
1102345	0	0	501,811	501,811	501,811	501,811
1102353	42,056	29,968	0	0	42,056	29,968
1402355	0	0	0	0	0	0
1102359	2,537,960	1,808,448	620,508	620,508	3,158,468	2,428,956
1302361	2,530	1,803	0	0	2,530	1,803
1502371	1,251,689	891,903	0	0	1,251,689	891,903
1302378	0	0	0	0	0	0
1202379	0	0	480,927	480,927	480,927	480,927
1702380	25,526	18,188	0	0	25,526	18,188
Total	3,861,674	2,751,674	1,625,971	1,625,971	5,487,645	4,377,645

⁸ Wasteload units are in kg/year unless otherwise noted.

TMDL Reopener Clause

This permit is subject to a TMDL Reopener Clause as described in Part II Section D TMDL Special Conditions (a).

⁹ The wasteload calculated from outfalls existing before the EPA's approval of the TMDL.

¹⁰ Pre-TMDL reduction calculated by multiplying the pre-TMDL wasteload by the watershed's pre-TMDL percent reduction required.

¹¹ The wasteload

¹² Post-TMDL reduction calculated by multiplying the post-TMDL wasteload by the watershed's post-TMDL percent reduction required.

E. STREAM MONITORING CONDITIONS:

1. Biological surveys are to be completed once annually during the fall collection season to determine the benthic health of LEFT FORK at location BAS-14 and LESTER FORK at locations BAS-3, BAS-2A, and BAS-4 as outlined in the joint CSMO/NPDES permit (Part I, Sections 8.3 and 21.2). DEQ's Virginia Stream Condition Index (VASCI) will be utilized to determine a score for each monitoring location. The Department may also consider applicable VASCI scores generated by DEQ. The stream habitat scores and chemical data will also be collected at these locations. All biologic sampling shall be done in accordance with applicable protocols as described below. Biological survey results will need to be submitted by March 1st of the next calendar year following the date the survey was conducted.

The benthic surveys shall be conducted annually each year in the fall season period determined by DEQ, avoiding to the maximum extent practicable times when the sample location is influenced by abnormal conditions, including drought and/or scouring flood. All biological surveys should be conducted as close to the anniversary date of the original surveys as possible. In addition, all biologic sampling shall be done in accordance with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources scientific collection permit and DEQ's Virginia Stream Condition Index (VASCI) protocol. The DEQ has developed the following procedure.

- Conduct benthic sampling using Virginia benthic protocols including time of year restrictions for sample collection.
- Collect organisms, laboratory subsample to 200 +/- 10% (220-180) organisms in a gridded pan.
- Identify organisms to genus level, excluding chironomids (midges) and any
 organisms which cannot be accurately identified to genus, which are instead
 identified to family level. All organisms, whether identified to genus or family level,
 are included in the count going forward.
- Collapse data to family level
- Statistically rarify data to 110 +/- 10% (99-121) organisms; computer subsampling programs available.
- Calculate the VASCI score
- Provide raw 200 +/- 10% (220-180) count genus-level data in electronic spreadsheet format.
- 2. The permittee shall conduct chemical surface water monitoring at instream locations BAS-14, BAS-2A, BAS-3, and BAS-4 as described in Section 8.3 of the joint CSMO/NPDES permit and shown on the applicable map (Attachment 21.2.E). This monitoring is to be conducted concurrent with the biological surveys required under item Part II Section A.E.1. Fall chemical monitoring will need to be submitted by March 1st of the next calendar year following the fall collection date. The permittee has the option of conducting metals analyses for total metals only even though instream water quality standards are based on dissolved metal concentrations. If total metal analyses concentrations exceed instream standards, the permittee may collect dissolved metal samples for those metals exceeding instream standards to confirm whether or not the instream standard has been met. Otherwise the total metals concentration will be used to determine compliance with the instream standard.

3. The data provided to satisfy Part II Section A, at a minimum, will be evaluated upon each major modification and permit renewal to determine whether permit modifications are necessary. Should any of the data indicate that the discharges from this operation have the potential to cause or contribute to a violation of either a numeric or narrative water quality standard, additional pollutant specific limits or whole effluent toxicity limits shall be imposed.

TABLE 1 - Parameters

Parameter

Flow (gpm)

Temperature (°c)

pH (std units)

TSS (mg/L)

Specific Conductance (µS/cm)

TDS (mg/L)

Sulfates (mg/L)

Bromide (mg/L)

Chlorides (mg/L)

Aluminum (mg/L)

Iron (mg/L)

Manganese (mg/L)

Magnesium (mg/L)

Total Acidity (mg/L)

Total Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO3)

Bicarbonate Alkalinity (mg/L)

Carbonate Alkalinity (mg/L)

Hardness (mg/L CaCO3)

Total Zinc (µg /L)

Total Antimony (µg /L)

Total Arsenic (µg/L)

Total Beryllium (µg /L)

Total Cadmium (µg /L)

Total Chromium (µg /L)

Total Copper (µg /L)

Total Lead (µg /L)

Total Mercury (µg/L)

Total Nickel (µg /L)

Total Selenium (µg/L)

Total Silver (µg /L)

Total Thallium (µg/L)

Total Barium (μ g/L)

Total Boron (µg/L)

Total Cobalt (µg/L)

Total Cyanide (µg/L)

Total Phenols (µg/L)

Nitrate (mg/L)

Nitrite (mg/L)

Dissolved Organic Carbon (mg/L)

Hydrogen Sulfide (mg/L)¹

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¹ This parameter need only be analyzed for underground mine discharges.

Section B Schedule of Compliance

A schedule of compliance is not required. See factsheet for offset project details.

Section C

Standard NPDES Permit Terms and Conditions

The term Department refers to the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy.

A. Monitoring.

- 1. Samples and measurements taken as required by this permit shall be representative of the monitored activity.
- 2. Monitoring shall be conducted according to procedures approved under Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136 or alternative methods approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, unless other procedures have been specified in this permit.
- The permittee shall periodically calibrate and perform maintenance procedures on all
 monitoring and analytical instrumentation at intervals that will ensure accuracy of
 measurements.

B. Records.

- 1. Records of monitoring information shall include:
 - a. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
 - b. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
 - c. The date(s) and time(s) analyses were performed;
 - d. The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
 - e. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
 - f. The results of such analyses.
- 2. The permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application, excluding records of monitoring information required by this permit related to sewage sludge use and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five years. This period of retention shall be extended automatically during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding the regulated activity or regarding control standards applicable to the permittee, or as requested by the Department.

C. Reporting Monitoring Results.

1. The permittee shall submit the results of the monitoring required by this permit not later than 30 days following the quarter in which monitoring takes place, unless another reporting schedule is specified elsewhere in this permit. Monitoring results shall be submitted to:

Virginia Department of Energy Attn: DMLR Water Quality Section 3405 Mountain Empire Rd Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

2. Monitoring results shall be reported on forms provided, approved or specified by the Department.

- 3. If the permittee monitors any pollutant specifically addressed by this permit more frequently than required by this permit using test procedures approved under Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 136 or using other test procedures approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or using procedures specified in this permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or reporting format specified by the Department, including electronic submittal.
- 4. Calculations for all limitations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in this permit.

D. <u>Duty to Provide Information.</u>

The permittee shall furnish to the Department, within a reasonable time, any information which the Department may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit or to determine compliance with this permit. The Department may require the permittee to furnish, upon request, such plans, specifications, and other pertinent information as may be necessary to determine the effect of the wastes from his discharge on the quality of state waters, or such other information as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of the State Water Control Law. The permittee shall also furnish to the Department upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

E. <u>Compliance Schedule Reports.</u>

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.

F. Unauthorized Discharges.

Except in compliance with this permit, or another permit issued by the Department, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

- 1. Discharge into state waters sewage, industrial wastes, other wastes, or any noxious or deleterious substances; or
- 2. Otherwise alter the physical, chemical or biological properties of such state waters and make them detrimental to the public health, or to animal or aquatic life, or to the use of such waters for domestic or industrial consumption, or for recreation, or for other uses.

G. Reports of Unauthorized Discharges.

Any permittee who discharges or causes or allows a discharge of sewage, industrial waste, other wastes or any noxious or deleterious substance into or upon state waters in violation of Part II Section C (F); or who discharges or causes or allows a discharge that may reasonably be expected to enter state waters in violation of Part II Section C (F); shall notify the Department of the discharge immediately upon discovery of the discharge, but in no case later than 24 hours after said discovery. A written report of the unauthorized discharge shall be submitted to the Department, within five days of discovery of the discharge. The written report shall contain:

- 1. A description of the nature and location of the discharge;
- 2. The cause of the discharge;
- 3. The date on which the discharge occurred;

- 4. The length of time that the discharge continued;
- 5. The volume of the discharge;
- 6. If the discharge is continuing, how long it is expected to continue;
- 7. If the discharge is continuing, what the expected total volume of the discharge will be; and
- 8. Any steps planned or taken to reduce, eliminate and prevent a recurrence of the present discharge or any future discharges not authorized by this permit.

Discharges reportable to the Department under the immediate reporting requirements of other regulations are exempted from this requirement.

H. Reports of Unusual or Extraordinary Discharges.

If any unusual or extraordinary discharge including a bypass or upset should occur from a treatment works and the discharge enters or could be expected to enter state waters, the permittee shall promptly notify, in no case later than 24 hours, the Department by telephone after the discovery of the discharge. This notification shall provide all available details of the incident (details of any adverse effects on aquatic life and the known number of fish killed must also be reported to DEQ). The permittee shall reduce the report to writing and shall submit it to the Department within five days of discovery of the discharge in accordance with Section C.I.2. Unusual and extraordinary discharges include but are not limited to any discharge resulting from:

- 1. Unusual spillage of materials resulting directly or indirectly from processing operations;
- 2. Breakdown of processing or accessory equipment;
- 3. Failure or taking out of service some or all of the treatment works; and
- 4. Flooding or other acts of nature.

I. Reports of Noncompliance

The permittee shall report any noncompliance which may adversely affect state waters or may endanger public health.

- 1. An oral report shall be provided within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The following shall be included as information which shall be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph:
 - a. Any unanticipated bypass; and
 - b. Any upset which causes a discharge to surface waters.
- 2. A written report shall be submitted within 5 days and shall contain:
 - a. A description of the noncompliance and its cause;
 - b. The period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and
 - c. Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

The Department may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis for reports of noncompliance under Part II Section C.I. if the oral report has been received within 24 hours and no adverse impact on state waters has been reported.

3. The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Part II Section I.1 or Part II Section I.2, in writing, at the time the next monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Part II Section I.2.

NOTE: The immediate (within 24 hours) reports required in Part II Section C (G, H and I) may be made to the Department's Big Stone Gap Office Enforcement Section at (276) 523-8199 (voice). For emergencies the Virginia Department of Emergency Services maintains a 24 hour telephone service at 1-800-468-8892.

J. Notice of Planned Changes.

- 1. The permittee shall give notice to the Department as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:
 - a. The permittee plans alteration or addition to any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants, the construction of which commenced:
 - (1) After promulgation of standards of performance under Section 306 of Clean Water Act which are applicable to such source; or
 - (2) After proposal of standards of performance in accordance with Section 306 of Clean Water Act which are applicable to such source, but only if the standards are promulgated in accordance with Section 306 within 120 days of their proposal;
 - b. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations nor to notification requirements specified elsewhere in this permit; or
 - c. The alteration or addition results in a significant change in sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan.
- 2. The permittee shall give advance notice to the Department of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.

K. Signatory Requirements.

- 1. Applications. All permit applications shall be signed as follows:
 - a. For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where

- authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;
- b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or
- c. For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this section, a principal executive officer of a public agency includes: (i) The chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency.
- 2. Reports, etc. All reports required by permits, and other information requested by the Department shall be signed by a person described in Part II Section C.K.1, or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
 - a. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in Part II Section C.K.1;
 - b. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position.); and
 - c. The written authorization is submitted to the Department.
- 3. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under Part II Section C.K.2 is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of Part II Section C.K.2 shall be submitted to the Department prior to or together with any reports, or information to be signed by an authorized representative.
- 4. Certification. Any person signing a document under Part II Section C.K.1 or 2 shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

L. <u>Duty to Comply.</u>

The permittee shall comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Coal Surface Mining Operation permit, State Water Control Law and the Clean Water Act, except that noncompliance with certain provisions of this permit may constitute a violation of the State Water Control Law but not the Clean Water Act. Permit noncompliance is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application.

The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under Section 405(d) of the Clean Water Act within the time provided in the regulations

that establish these standards or prohibitions or standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, even if this permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

M. <u>Duty to Reapply.</u>

If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee shall apply for and obtain a new permit. All permittees with a currently effective permit shall submit a new application at least 180 days before the expiration date of the existing permit, unless permission for a later date has been granted by the Department. The Department shall not grant permission for applications to be submitted later than the expiration date of the existing permit.

N. Effect of a Permit.

This permit does not convey any property rights in either real or personal property or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or invasion of personal rights, or any infringement of federal, state or local law or regulations.

O. State Law.

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action under, or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any other state law or regulation or under authority preserved by Section 510 of the Clean Water Act. Except as provided in permit conditions on "bypassing" Part II Section C. U, and "upset" (Part II Section C.V) nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee from civil and criminal penalties for noncompliance.

P. Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability.

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under Sections 62.1-44.34:14 through 62.1-44.34:23 of the State Water Control Law.

Q. Proper Operation and Maintenance.

The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes effective plant performance, adequate funding, adequate staffing, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by the permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit.

R. Disposal of solids or sludge

Solids, sludge or other pollutants removed in the course of treatment or management of pollutants shall be disposed of in a manner so as to prevent any pollutant from such materials from entering state waters.

S. Duty to Mitigate

The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

T. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity not a Defense

It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

U. <u>Bypass</u>

1. "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of Part II Section C.U.2 and 3.

2. Notice

- a. Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, prior notice shall be submitted, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass.
- b. Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in Part II Section C.I.

3. Prohibition of bypass.

- a. Bypass is prohibited, and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:
 - (1) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
 - (2) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
 - (3) The permittee submitted notices as required under Part II Section C.U.2.
- b. The Department may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Department determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in Part II Section C.U.3.a.

V. <u>Upset</u>

- 1. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of Part II Section C.V.2 are met. A determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is not a final administrative action subject to judicial review.
- 2. A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
 - a. An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
 - b. The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;
 - c. The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in Part II Section C.I; and
 - d. The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Part II Section C.S.

3. In any enforcement proceeding, the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

W. <u>Inspection and Entry.</u>

The permittee shall allow the Director, or an authorized representative, upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

- 1. Enter upon the permitted premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- 2. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- 3. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- 4. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Coal Surface Mining Operation permit, Clean Water Act and the State Water Control Law, any substances or parameters at any location.

For purposes of this section, the time for inspection shall be deemed reasonable during regular business hours, and whenever the facility is discharging. Nothing contained herein shall make an inspection unreasonable during an emergency.

X. Permit Actions.

Permits may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

Y. <u>Transfer of permits.</u>

Permits are not transferable to any person except after approval of a succession application by the Department.

Z. Severability.

The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and to the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby.

AA. Water Quality Criteria Reopener

This permit may be modified or alternatively revoked and reissued to incorporate appropriate limits provided regular or conditional effluent monitoring indicates the need for any water quality-based limitations.

NPDES Permit Definitions

- (A) The term "acid or ferruginous mine drainage" means mine drainage which, before any treatment, either has a pH of less than 6.0 or a total iron concentration equal to or more than 10 mg/l.
- (B) The term "active mine drainage' means the area actively being used or disturbed for the extraction, removal, or recovery of coal from its natural deposits. This excludes areas where reclamation and revegetation has been completed.
- (C) The term "alkaline mine drainage" means mine drainage which, before any treatment, has a pH equal to or more than 6.0 and a total iron concentration less than 10 mg/l.

- (D) "Application" means the EPA standard national forms for applying for a permit, including any additions or modifications to the forms; or forms approved by EPA for use in approved States, including any approve additions or modifications.
- (E) "Approved program or approved State" means a State administered NPDES program which has been approved or authorized by EPA under 40 CFR Part 123.
- (F) "Best management practices" (BMP) means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the United States. BMPs include treatment requirements, operation procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.
- (G) "Coal preparation plant" means a facility where coal is crushed, screened, sized, cleaned, dried, or otherwise prepared and loaded for transit to a consuming facility. "Coal preparation plant associated areas" means the coal preparation plant yards, immediate access roads, coal refuse piles, and coal storage piles and facilities. "Coal preparation plant water circuit means all pipes, channels, basins, tanks, and all other structures and equipment that convey, contain, treat, or process any water that is used in coal preparation processes within a coal preparation plant.
- **(H)** The term "commingled discharge" means discharges of drainage from underground workings that are mixed or commingled with surface mine drainage.
- (I) "Composite sample" means a combination of individual samples of wastewater taken at 1 hour intervals, for eight (8) hours (or for the duration of discharge, whichever is less), to minimize the effect of variability of the individual samples. Individual samples must be of equal volume. (Example: one (1) liter per hour.)
- (J) The term "controlled discharge" means any surface mine drainage that is pumped or siphoned from the active mining area.
- (K) "CWA" means the Clean Water Act (formerly referred to as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act)
 Public Law 92-500 as amended by Public Law 95-217, and Public Law 95-576, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- (L) The "daily maximum" discharge means the total mass of a pollutant discharged during the calendar day. Where the pollutant is limited in terms other than mass, the daily maximum shall mean the average concentration or other measurement specified during the calendar day or other specified sampling day.
- (M) The "instantaneous maximum" means the level not to be exceeded at any time in any grab sample.
- (N) "Discharge (of a pollutant)" means any addition of any pollutant or combination of pollutants to waters of the United States from any point source; or any addition of any pollutant or combination of pollutants to the waters of the contiguous zone or ocean from any point source other than a vessel or other floating craft which is being used as a means of transportation.
- (O) "Existing source or existing discharger (in the NPDES program)" means any source which is not a new source or new discharger.
- (P) "Effluent limitation" means any restriction imposed by the Director on quantities, discharge rates, and concentrations of pollutants that are discharged from point sources into waters of the United States, the waters of the contiguous zone, or the ocean.
- (Q) "Effluent limitation guideline" means a regulation published by the Administration under Section 304(b) of the CWA to adopt or revise effluent limitations.
- (R) "Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

- (S) "Estimate" means to be based on technical evaluation of the sources contributing to the discharge including, but not limited to, pump capabilities, water meters, and batch discharge volumes.
- (T) "Grab sample" means an individual sample collected in less than 15 minutes.
- (U) "Measured Flow" means any method of liquid volume measurement the accuracy of which has been previously demonstrated in engineering practices, or for which a relationship to absolute volume has been obtained.
- (V) "Mine drainage" means any drainage, and any water pumped or siphoned, from an active mining area or a post-mining area. The abbreviation "ml/l" means milliliters per liter.
- (W) The "monthly average" discharge means the total mass (and concentration if appropriate) of all daily discharges sampled and/or measured properly during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges sampled and/or measured properly during such month.
- (X) The "monthly average" temperature means the arithmetic mean of temperature measurements made on an hourly basis, or mean value plot of the record of a continuous automated temperature recording instrument, either during a calendar month, or during the operating month if flows are of shorter duration.
- (Y) "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)" means the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring, and enforcing permits and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under Sections 307, 318, 402, and 405 of CWA. The term includes an approved program.
- "New discharger" means any building, structure, facility, or installation: (A) From which there is or may be a new or additional discharge of pollutants at a site at which on October 18, 1972, it had never discharged pollutants; (B) Which has never received a finally effective NPDES permit for discharges at that site; and (C) Which is not a "new source". This definition includes an indirect discharger, which commences discharging into waters of the United States. It also includes any existing mobile point source, such as an offshore oil drilling rig, seafood processing vessel, or aggregate plant that begins discharging at a location for which it does not have an existing permit.
- (AA) "NA" means effluent limitations and monitoring requirements not required.
- **(BB)** "NL" means no limitation on the affected parameters, however monitoring is required.
- (CC) "Outfall" means a point source.
- (DD) "Permit" means an authorization, license, or equivalent control document issued by EPA or an approved State to implement the requirements of 40 CFR Parts 122, 123, and 124.
- (EE) "Point source" means any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, vessel, or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharged. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture.
- (FF) "Pollutant" means dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, filter backwash, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemical waste, biological materials, radioactive materials [except those regulated under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 2011 et seq.)], heat wrecked or discarded equipment, rocks, sand, cellar dirt and industrial, municipal, and agriculture waste discharged into water.

- (GG) The term "post-mining area" means: (1) A reclamation area or (2) the underground workings of an underground coal mine after the extraction, removal, or recovery of coal from its natural deposit has ceased and prior to bond release.
- (HH) The term "10-year, 24-hour precipitation event" means the maximum 24-hour precipitation event with a probable recurrence interval of once in ten years as defined by the National Weather service and Technical Paper No. 40, "Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the U.S.," May 1961, or equivalent regional or rainfall probability information developed there from.
- (II) The term "qualifying rainfall event" means the rainfall amounts as defined; active mine areas = 0.2"/24 hours, refuse areas = 2.5"/24 hours, controlled and commingled = 4.4"/24 hour.
- (JJ) The term "reclamation area" means the surface area of a coal mine which has been returned to required contour and on which revegetation (specifically seeding or planting) work has commenced. The term "pre-reclamation area" means the surface area of a coal mine prior to reclamation.
- (KK) The term "settleable solids" is that matter measured by the volumetric method that is determined by the following procedure: (a) fill an Imhoff cone to the one-liter mark with a thoroughly mixed sample. Allow to settle undisturbed for 45 minutes. Gently stir along the inside surface of the cone with a stirring rod. Allow to settle undisturbed for 15 minutes longer. Record the volume of settled material in the cone as milliliters per liter. The method detection limit for coal mining point sources is 0.4 ml/l.
- (LL) The terms "treatment facility" and "treatment system" means all structures which contain, convey, and as necessary, physically or chemically treat coal mine drainage, coal preparation process water, surface runoff from disturbed areas, or drainage from coal preparation plant associated areas, which remove pollutants regulated by the Part from such waters. This includes all pipes, channels, ponds, basins, tanks, and all other equipment serving such structures.
- (MM) The terms "underground mine drainage or discharge" mean discharges from the underground workings of underground mines until SMCRA bond release.
- (NN) The "weekly average" discharge means the total concentration and mass of all daily discharges sampled and/or measured during a calendar week divided by the number of daily discharges sampled and/or measured during such week.
- (OO) The term "coal refuse disposal pile" means any coal refuse deposited on the earth and intended as permanent disposal or long term storage (greater than 180 days) of such material, but does not include coal refuse deposited within the active mining area or coal refuse never removed from the active mining area.

Section D Other Permit Requirements

NPDES Permit Special Conditions

(AA) Water Quality Monitoring

The Department may require every owner to furnish such plans, specifications, or other pertinent information as may be necessary to determine the effect of the discharge on the water quality or such information as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of the CWA, including but not limited to chemical and biological testing. The permittee shall obtain and record such information on the receiving waters as requested by the Department. The information shall be subject to inspection by authorized State and Federal representatives and shall be submitted with such frequency and in such detail as requested by the Department.

(BB) Management Requirements

- 1. All discharges authorized by this NPDES permit shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit. The Department must be notified at least thirty (30) days prior to all expansions, production increases, or process modifications that will result in new or increased discharge(s) of pollutant(s). Notification should be by submission of a new or revised CSMO/NPDES application, or, if such discharge(s) does not violate effluent limitations specified in the permit, by submission to the Department of notice of such new or increased discharge of pollutant(s). All expansions, production increases, or process modifications that will result in new or increased discharge(s) of pollutant(s) must be approved by the Department prior to implementation.
- 2. The discharge of any pollutant limited in the permit more frequently than, or at a level greater than that identified and authorized by this permit, shall constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit.
- 3. The discharge of any pollutant(s) from this facility that enters into a water body with an existing and approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) must be made in compliance with the TMDL and any applicable TMDL implementation plan. If the discharge enters into a water body included on the state's current 303(d) list not having an existing and approved TMDL, the discharge of any pollutant(s) from this facility cannot be the cause of the stream's impairment and 303(d) listing.

(CC) Availability of Reports

Except for data determined to be confidential under Section 308 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), all reports prepared in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit will be available for public inspection at the Department office. As required by the Act, effluent data will not be considered confidential. Knowingly making false statement on any such report may result in the imposition of criminal penalties as provided for in Section 309 of the CWA and in Section 62.1-44.32 of the Code of Virginia.

(DD) Permit Modification and Reissuance

This permit shall be modified, or alternatively, revoked and reissued, to comply with any applicable effluent standard or limitation issued or approved under Section 301(b)(2)(C) and (D), 304 (b)(2), and 307 (a)(2) of the CWA, if the effluent standard or limitations so issued or approved:

(i) Contain different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit; or

- (ii) Control any pollutant not limited in the permit; or
- (iii) The permit as modified or reissued under this paragraph shall also contain any other requirements of the Act as applicable.
- (iv) Immediately after EPA's promulgation of applicable standards or limitations, a draft permit incorporating the new requirements shall be sent to the permittee.

(EE) State Law

- 1. Compliance with this permit during its term constitutes compliance with the Virginia State Law and CWA except for any standard imposed under Section 307 of the CWA for a toxic pollutant injurious to human health.
- 2. State water quality standards contain an antidegradation policy that is applicable to this permit, facility, and discharge(s). Effluent limitations assigned to this permit require the operator to utilize the best available technology to treat all discharges and to protect water quality. As a condition of this permit, the permittee must take appropriate measures to comply with the antidegradation policy.
- 3. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action under, or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any other State law or regulation or under authority preserved by Section 510 of the CWA.

(FF) Toxic Pollutants

If a toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under Section 307(a) of the CWA for a toxic pollutant which is present in the discharge and such standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation for such pollutant in this permit, this permit shall be revoked and reissued or modified in accordance with the toxic effluent standard or prohibition. Any effluent standard or prohibition established under Section 307(a) for a toxic pollutant injurious to human health is effective and enforceable by the time set forth in the promulgated standard, even absent permit modification.

(GG) Chemical Treatment

Chemical treatment is not permitted unless specified in Part I Section 5.15 of the CSMO/NPDES permit application or otherwise specifically authorized by the Department. Treatment chemicals will be utilized in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and in quantities not harmful to aquatic life.

(HH) Alternate effluent limitations applicable to precipitation events

The permit includes a condition which provides an exclusion of the TSS, total iron and total manganese concentration limitations during periods of runoff from a qualifying precipitation event as referenced in 40 CFR 434. However, TSS is required to be collected and reported for discharges utilizing the alternate effluent limit. The reported TSS analyses will be utilized by DMLR for waste load calculation only.

For discharges to TMDL watersheds with TSS identified as a stressor, the permit shall also comply with the applicable TMDL consistent with its assumptions and requirements. Best management practices requirements and/or offsets will be used to establish any necessary reductions to meet the

transient/aggregate waste load allocation as established in the compliance schedule included in this permit. This requirement is in addition to the technology-based effluent limitations of 40 CFR 434.

CSMO Permit Special Conditions:

- (a) Disposal of non-coal waste onsite is prohibited.
- **(b)** Water from sediment control ponds may be used on site for the purpose of dust suppression. Dust suppression shall be carried out as a best management practice provided that ponding or direct runoff from the site does not occur during or immediately following its application. Dust suppression shall not be employed as a wastewater disposal method
- **(c)** No disturbance is allowed within any jurisdictional waters, whether water of the United States or waters of the Commonwealth of Virginia (including jurisdictional isolated waters), without first obtaining a Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and / or a Section 401 of the CWA Certification from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.
- (d) Prior to disturbing any area not included in the approved permit an application for a permit revision / amendment must be submitted to the Virginia Department of Energy / Division of Mined Land Repurposing(DMLR) and the application must be approved with appropriate fees and bond submitted to DMLR.
- (e) The Department shall conduct reviews of the approved permit pursuant to 4VAC25-130-774.11. Based upon the Department review DMLR may order the revision of the permit pursuant to 4VAC25-130-774.11(b) and (c).
- **(f)** Biological surveys will be conducted in accordance with the language in Part II Section A.E Stream Monitoring Conditions of the NPDES permit.
- (g) To ensure continuing decrease in TDS for the Cumulative Impact Area, best management practices (BMPs), verified offsets, and/or mitigation activities proposed in Part II Section A.D of the NPDES permit should be completed prior to or concurrent with commencement of mining on the proposed permit.

TMDL Special Conditions:

(a) TMDL Reopener Clause

This permit shall be modified or alternately revoked and reissued if any approved waste load allocation procedure, pursuant to Section 303(d) of the CWA, imposes waste load allocations, limits or other conditions on the facility that are not consistent with the requirements of this permit.

(b) Numeric Effluent Limitation - Annual Wasteloads

The permittee shall ensure that discharges from permitted point sources comply with the concentration based numeric effluent limitations assigned in Part II Section A of the joint CSMO/NPDES Permit and that permitted point source discharges shall not exceed the numeric waste loads of pollution defined in this permit.

1. Tracking of mining waste loads, waste load offsets, calculations of mining waste loads, and comparisons of mining waste loads to allocations will be performed by the Department's TMDL system. Discharges resulting in a total waste load which exceeds TMDL limits will be determined as described in the factsheet associated with this permit.

2. If the Department determines that waste loads from the permitted point sources have resulted in or will result in a waste load in excess of the TMDL WLAs, the Department will require the permittee to conduct additional monitoring according to a schedule established by the Department. Based upon the monitoring results, the Department will confer with the permittee to develop reduction actions that may include revised and additional BMPs, as well as flow measurements and other monitoring. If within 90 days of receipt of the final required monitoring results the Department and the permittee cannot come to agreement on the necessary reduction actions and a schedule for their implementation, then the Department may modify or revoke and reissue the NPDES permit to assign permit-specific reduction actions and an implementation schedule. Failure by the permittee to comply with any such permit requirements will constitute grounds for enforcement.

(c) Waste load Offset Credit

The Department will use its existing TMDL database and software to maintain the accounting of load reduction credit tracking.

(d) NPDES Discharge Monitoring Plan

Referenced in Part II Section A

(e) Offset Monitoring Plan (if applicable)

The offset ratio for this permit is sufficient to assure that adequate pollution reductions will be accomplished without additional monitoring requirements beyond those previously identified in this joint permit.

The offset ratio is found in the TMDL Addendum in Part I Section 6.1 of the joint CSMO/NPDES permit. The minimum offset ratio is 2:1.

(f) Unanticipated Failure of Offset (if applicable)

Prior to the release of any performance bond on this permit, the Department shall determine if the permittee has completed offset requirements. The offset completion timing is outlined in Part I Section 6.1 of the joint CSMO/NPDES permit. If the permittee fails to complete the required offset, an alternative offset project must be approved by the Department and implemented prior to the release of any performance bond on this permit.

(g) Responsibility to Achieve All Effluent Limitations in Permit

The permittee shall be responsible for achieving all concentration and loading based effluent limitations assigned by this permit. The permittee shall be responsible for implementing all best management practices and/or TMDL Waste load Reduction Actions required by this permit.

(h) Best Management Practices

The permittee shall be responsible for implementing applicable BMPs as noted in DMLR Guidance Memorandum 14-05 and/or BMPs included in Sections 5.15 and 6.1 of the joint permit application.

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Compliance and Documentation:

The Department finds that the permit will comply with the approved TMDL and the TMDL Waste Load Allocation (WLA). The permit is consistent with the TMDL WLA pursuant to 40 CFR 122.44)(1)(viii)(B).

VIRGINIA DIVISION OF MINED LAND REPURPOSING

Joint CSMO/NPDES Permit Factsheet Application Number 1011399 CSMO: 1702380

NPDES: 0082380

This document gives pertinent information concerning the joint Coal Surface Mining Operation (CSMO)/ National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit listed below. This permit is being processed as a **Minor Source** industrial permit. The industrial discharge(s) result from the control of surface water runoff and/or groundwater discharges associated with coal mining activities.

The permit process consists of: developing permit limitations based upon the effluent limitations for coal mining promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set forth in 40 CFR 434, the State Water Quality Standards, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Regulations, and Storm Water guidelines.

The effluent limitations contained in this permit will maintain all applicable state and federal standards, including the Water Quality Standards of 9 VAC 25-260-00 et seq., the Virginia Coal Surface Mining and Reclamation Regulations, and TMDLs.

1. <u>Facility Information</u>

Permittee Name: CLINTWOOD JOD, LLC

Address: P. O. BOX 100

City: BELCHER State: KY Zip: 41513

Facility: WOLFPEN BRANCH SURFACE MINE

Location:

Description: WOLFPEN BRANCH OFF STATE ROUTE 650 **NAD 83 Virginia State Plane South Northing:** 3680500

NAD 83 Virginia State Plane South Forting: 10447000

County: BUCHANAN

USGS 7.5' Quadrangle: HURLEY

Type of Mining

Surface - Area Surface-Contour Surf-Auger/HW Miner Undergrd. - R P

2. <u>CSMO/NPDES Permit Number:</u>

CSMO: 1702380 **NPDES:** 0082380

Permit Expiration Date: 12/27/2027 Former NPDES Permit Number: N/A Former CSMO Permit Number: N/A

3. Owner Contact:

Operator: CLINTWOOD JOD, LLC

Telephone: (606)835-4006

4. Administrative Dates:

Administratively Complete Date: 4/13/2023 NPDES Reviewer: AUTUMN PIERCE NPDES Reviewer Phone: 276-523-8100

Review Begin Date: 4/17/2023

Public Comment Beginning Date: 5/11/2023 (1st publication, VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEER

(Grundy))

Public Comment Ending Date: 6/1/2023 (30 days following last publication, VIRGINIA

MOUNTAINEER (Grundy))
Informal Conference Dates: N/A
Application Approval Date: 3/4/2025
Original Permit Issue Date: 12/27/2022

5. **Application Information:**

Application Type: ACRES AMENDMENT

Application Description: To amend 256.97 acres for additional mining area, to add Ponds H9 thru H32, WP3A, WP3B as well as numerous NPDES outfalls, to delete SHF-WP2 and Pond WP2, to revise HF-WP3, Pond S2 and Pond H8, to delete monitoring points that were relinquished from permit #1402339 in the original permit application, to delete the Prep Plant and

Refuse Disposal mine types, and to revise the incremental bonding plan/map.

6. Receiving Waters Classification:

Stream Name	Stream Code	Watershed	Basin
LEFT FORK	691	TUG FORK - KNOX CK	BIG SANDY
LESTER FORK	712	TUG FORK - KNOX CK	BIG SANDY
WOLFPEN BRANCH	717	TUG FORK - KNOX CK	BIG SANDY

7. Ambient Water Quality Description

Background/baseline ambient water quality information on receiving streams is located in Section 5.9 of the joint permit application. None of the outfalls are limited by receiving stream flows, therefore drought flow frequencies are not provided. Available instream statistics from 9/30/2020 to 9/30/2023 are summarized below.

Instream Statistics for SW-UTLSF-1						
Parameter	Num. Samples	Average	Std. Dev	Median	Min.	Max.
Flow (GPM)	8	34.00	31.71	20.00	0.00	105.00
Temperature (C)	7	16.29	4.33	17.00	10.00	22.00
pH (Std)	7	8.27	0.23	8.30	7.90	8.70
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	7	6.90	6.43	4.30	2.70	22.30
Conductivity (uS/cm)	7	1,293.71	400.16	1,256.00	532.00	1,721.00
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)	7	1,117.71	274.18	1,074.00	808.00	1,500.00
Iron, Total (mg/l)	7	0.21	0.20	0.10	0.10	0.70
Manganese, Total (mg/l)	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sulfates (mg/l)	7	571.86	138.96	500.00	409.00	770.00
Alkalinity (mg/l)	7	166.43	42.08	166.00	108.00	221.00
Acidity (mg/l)	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Instream Statistics for SW-LESF1						
Parameter	Num. Samples	Average	Std. Dev	Median	Min.	Max.
Flow (GPM)	8	2,518.75	1,872.32	1,750.00	650.00	6,000.00
Temperature (C)	8	15.50	4.95	16.50	7.00	21.00
pH (Std)	8	8.30	0.24	8.30	8.00	8.80
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	8	7.40	11.17	2.85	1.20	36.40
Conductivity (uS/cm)	8	585.25	145.25	608.50	387.00	753.00
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)	8	404.75	117.51	436.00	216.00	534.00
Iron, Total (mg/l)	8	0.23	0.26	0.10	0.10	0.90
Manganese, Total (mg/l)	8	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.10
Sulfates (mg/l)	8	187.13	40.88	196.50	130.00	263.00
Alkalinity (mg/l)	8	88.25	33.43	90.00	48.00	128.00
Acidity (mg/l)	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Instream Statistics for B-3						
Parameter	Num. Samples	Average	Std. Dev	Median	Min.	Max.
Flow (GPM)	36	716.67	725.50	512.50	225.00	4,500.00
Temperature (C)	36	14.53	4.34	16.00	7.00	21.00
pH (Std)	36	7.87	0.42	8.00	7.00	8.80
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	36	87.46	418.65	4.50	0.00	2,556.00
Conductivity (uS/cm)	36	492.03	70.00	490.50	353.00	611.00
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)	36	346.33	59.00	357.00	246.00	462.00
Iron, Total (mg/l)	36	1.65	7.11	0.20	0.00	43.40
Manganese, Total (mg/l)	36	0.06	0.22	0.00	0.00	1.30
Sulfates (mg/l)	36	142.92	33.46	150.00	5.00	184.00
Alkalinity (mg/l)	36	95.39	22.29	96.50	45.00	136.00
Acidity (mg/l)	36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Instream Statistics for B-1							
Parameter	Num. Samples	Average	Std. Dev	Median	Min.	Max.	
Flow (GPM)	36	1.14	3.71	0.00	0.00	20.00	
Temperature (C)	6	12.00	3.51	11.00	8.00	19.00	
pH (Std)	6	6.37	0.41	6.40	5.80	6.90	
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	6	8.65	9.13	4.95	1.70	28.00	
Conductivity (uS/cm)	6	44.00	4.40	43.50	39.00	53.00	
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)	6	80.00	47.87	63.00	32.00	174.00	
Iron, Total (mg/l)	6	0.33	0.21	0.25	0.10	0.70	
Manganese, Total (mg/l)	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sulfates (mg/l)	6	6.17	1.07	6.00	5.00	8.00	
Alkalinity (mg/l)	6	5.33	2.13	4.50	4.00	10.00	
Acidity (mg/l)	6	2.83	2.03	4.00	0.00	5.00	

Instream Statistics for SW-LEF1						
Parameter	Num. Samples	Average	Std. Dev	Median	Min.	Max.
Flow (GPM)	36	90.58	168.12	32.50	0.00	750.00
Temperature (C)	35	13.06	4.68	14.00	2.00	21.00
pH (Std)	35	7.35	0.53	7.50	6.10	8.40
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	35	13.84	21.20	6.50	1.30	100.80
Conductivity (uS/cm)	35	113.51	29.65	108.00	57.00	166.00
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)	35	99.89	42.46	94.00	48.00	208.00
Iron, Total (mg/l)	35	0.43	0.51	0.20	0.00	2.20
Manganese, Total (mg/l)	35	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.10
Sulfates (mg/l)	35	28.86	9.60	27.00	11.00	49.00
Alkalinity (mg/l)	35	18.31	7.25	21.00	7.00	33.00
Acidity (mg/l)	35	1.31	3.27	0.00	0.00	17.00

Instream Statistics for SW-WB2						
Parameter	Num. Samples	Average	Std. Dev	Median	Min.	Max.
Flow (GPM)	36	716.67	725.50	512.50	225.00	4,500.00
Temperature (C)	36	14.53	4.34	16.00	7.00	21.00
pH (Std)	36	7.87	0.42	8.00	7.00	8.80
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	36	87.46	418.65	4.50	0.00	2,556.00
Conductivity (uS/cm)	36	490.75	69.27	490.50	353.00	611.00
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)	36	337.22	81.37	357.00	0.00	462.00
Iron, Total (mg/l)	36	1.65	7.11	0.20	0.00	43.40
Manganese, Total (mg/l)	36	0.06	0.22	0.00	0.00	1.30
Sulfates (mg/l)	36	182.33	237.59	150.00	5.00	1,574.00
Alkalinity (mg/l)	36	95.33	22.27	96.50	45.00	136.00
Acidity (mg/l)	36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

ð.	Permit Characterization/Special Conditions/Effluent Limitations:
⊠ Naı	rative Water Quality Standards Applicable 9VAC25-260-20 Discharges from this operation must not cause the violation of any applicable narrative instream water quality standards.
⊠ Tec	chnology-based Effluent Limitations Applicable 40 CFR 434
⊠ Nuı	meric Water Quality based Effluent Limitations Applicable 9VAC25-260-140 Discharges from this operation must not cause the violation of any applicable numeric instream water quality standards.
⊠ SM	CRA Performance Standard 4VAC25-130-816.42 and/or 4VAC25-130-817.42
⊠ Stan	and Permit Conditions Applicable 40 CFR 122.41 and 9VAC25-31-190 The outfalls, discharges, and related activities associated with the proposed operation must individually and in aggregate remain in compliance with the requirements stated in sections 318, 402, and 405 of the Clean Water Act. Additionally, the permittee must comply with all conditions attached to the permit, including but not limited to the effluent standards established under 307(a) of the Clean Water Act. The permittee is bound to all duties, procedures, and requirements laid out in both Federal Regulation 40 CFR 122.41 and State Regulation 9VAC25-260.
⊠ Spe	ecial Permit Conditions – TMDL Watershed 40 CFR 130 and CWA 303(d) The application includes outfalls and/or discharges falling within established boundaries of the TMDL Watershed(s) Knox Creek due to established stressor(s) TDS. Therefore, special permit conditions as defined in the regulations cited above are applicable to the permit.
⊠ Spe	ecial Permit Conditions – SMCRA 4VAC25-130-773-17
Spe	ecial Permit Conditions – Alternate Effluent Limitations: Remining 4VAC25-130-825
Dis	charges limited based on receiving stream flow – Mixing Zone 9VAC260-20
Pos	sible Interstate Effect This permit is not permitted to cross state boundaries or otherwise require Virginia interstate regulations.

9. NPDES Effluent Limitation Basis

The monitoring frequency and sample type have been established after considering the consistency and nature of these operations, the existing analytical data and the potential environmental risk and consequences of the discharges. Reporting of monitoring data is required quarterly.

Parameter	Basis
Iron, Total	Iron limitations are based on 40-CFR-434.
Flow	Report only, no limit. Monitoring required by federal effluent guidelines (40 CFR Part 434).
Manganese, Total	Manganese limitations are based on 40-CFR-434.
рН	The pH limitation is based upon Virginia's water quality standards and federal effluent guidelines (40 CFR Part 434).
Settleable Solids	SS limitations are based on federal effluent guidelines for coal mining (40 CFR Part 434).
Total Dissolved Solids	Monitoring required for informational purposes. TDS is also load-limited based upon the approved TMDL, if applicable. For discharges to TMDL watersheds with TDS identified as a stressor, the permit shall also comply with the applicable TMDL consistent with its assumptions and requirements. Best management practices requirements and/or offsets will be used to establish any necessary reductions to meet the transient/aggregate wasteload allocation.
Total Suspended Solids	TSS limitations are based on federal effluent guidelines for coal mining (40 CFR Part 434). TSS is also load-limited based upon the approved TMDL, if applicable. For discharges to TMDL watersheds with TSS identified as a stressor, the permit shall also comply with the applicable TMDL consistent with its assumptions and requirements. Best management practices requirements and/or offsets will be used to establish any necessary reductions to meet the transient/aggregate wasteload allocation.
Acute WET	WET limitations are based on 9 VAC 25-31-220 D criteria for surface water.
Chronic WET	WET limitations are based on 9 VAC 25-31-220 D criteria for surface water.

10. Permit or Proposed Permit Area Questions

Che	eck all that apply:
	A. The area contains a publicly owned treatment works which discharge into the waters of the United States.
	B. The facility treats, stores, or disposes of hazardous wastes.
	C. Fluids are injected at this facility which are: (1) brought to the surface in connection
	with conventional oil or natural gas production; (2) used for the enhanced recovery of
	oil or natural gas; or (3) for storage of liquid hydrocarbons.
	D. The area contains a concentrated animal feeding operation or aquatic animal
	production facility that discharges into the waters of the United States.
	E. This facility will inject industrial effluent below the lower most stratum containing,
	within 1 quarter mile of the well bore, underground sources of drinking water.

11. NPDES Outfall Description:

Sediment control structures and the associated NPDES outfalls for surface coal mining operations primarily receive precipitation runoff from mined areas and treat the runoff by settling sediment particles prior to discharge to the receiving stream. Precipitation runoff from mined areas also dissolves portions of exposed fresh rock and carries the associated ions in solution. These ions may not be reduced in the sedimentation process prior to discharge. Certain dissolved ions or the combined concentration of these ions may cause benthic impairment depending on their makeup and/or abundance.

NPDES discharges associated with this permit are from the control of surface water runoff resulting from precipitation and/or groundwater discharges associated with coal mining activities. Typically, discharges are only treated by sedimentation, but in limited circumstances treatment may include chemical treatment such as the addition of neutralizing agents or flocculants.

There are 41 outfalls associated with this permit. Of all total outfalls, 14 were previously approved, and of all previously approved outfalls, 14 have been constructed. The constructed outfalls are 002, 009, H2, H3, H4, H5, H8, S1, S2, S3, WP2, WP3, WP-N, and WP-S. Mining has progressed onsite, deleting representative Outfall 002. Outfall WP3 has replaced Outfall 002 as the representative outfall. At a future date, Outfall WP3 will be replaced by Outfall WP3B as the representative outfall once mining progresses within the drainage system.

Outfall 002 has historically discharged 100.0% of the time with an estimated flow of 35.0 GPM over 64 measurements. Outfall 009 has historically discharged 50.7% of the time with an estimated flow of 3.0 GPM over 73 measurements. Outfall H2 has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 0 measurements. Outfall H3 has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 0 measurements. Outfall H4 has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 0 measurements. Outfall H8 has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 0 measurements. Outfall S1 has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 0 measurements. Outfall S2 has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 0 measurements. Outfall S3 has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 0 measurements. Outfall WP2 has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 0 measurements. Outfall WP3 has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 6 measurements. Outfall WP-N has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 12 measurements. Outfall WP-S has historically discharged 0.0% of the time over 0 measurements.

Proposed Discharges

Outfall(s) H10, H11, H12, H13, H14, H15, H16, H17, H18, H19, H20, H21, H22, H23, H24, H25, H26, H27, H28, H29, H30, H31, H32, H6, H7, H9, and WP3B (is/are) added by revision. Outfall(s) 002, 009, and H8 (is/are) deleted by this revision.

The following tables present details for each proposed and/or existing outfall. Specific information, including location, regarding each outfall and facility is also found in Section 5, Section 12, and Section 21 of the CSMO/NPDES permit.

MPID Number: 6070139	Action: D	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: 009
Elevation: 1,350.00	Facility Location: BASIN 9	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,130.0000
Easting: 10,448,580.0000	Watershed Acres: 0.0	Disturbed Acres: 0.0	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 6070132	Action: D	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: 002
Elevation: 1,370.00	Facility Location: BASIN 2	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,679,270.0000
Easting: 10,445,930.0000	Watershed Acres: 109.2	Disturbed Acres: 19.3	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012541	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: WP3B
Elevation: 1,380.00	Facility Location: H8,WP3A&B	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,675.0000
Easting: 10,448,185.0000	Watershed Acres: 291.4	Disturbed Acres: 225.4	Receiving Stream: LESTER FORK
MPID Number: 0012481	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H32
Elevation: 1,595.00	Facility Location: Pond H32	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,120.0000
Easting:	Watershed Acres: 13.9	D:-+1 - 1 A 12 O	D C.
10,445,115.0000	Watershed Acres. 13.9	Disturbed Acres: 13.9	Receiving Stream: LEFT FORK
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MPID Number: 0012478	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	
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MPID Number: 0012478 Elevation: 1,601.00 Easting: 10,445,340.0000	Action: A Facility Location: Pond H31	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6 Quad: HURLEY Disturbed Acres: 9.9	LEFT FORK Location Number: H31 Northing: 3,681,240.0000 Receiving Stream: LEFT FORK
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MPID Number: 0012478 Elevation: 1,601.00 Easting: 10,445,340.0000 MPID Number:	Action: A Facility Location: Pond H31 Watershed Acres: 9.9	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6 Quad: HURLEY Disturbed Acres: 9.9	LEFT FORK Location Number: H31 Northing: 3,681,240.0000 Receiving Stream: LEFT FORK Location Number:

MPID Number: 0012476	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H29
Elevation: 1,593.00	Facility Location: Pond H29	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,580.0000
Easting: 10,446,020.0000	Watershed Acres: 10.9	Disturbed Acres: 10.9	Receiving Stream: LEFT FORK
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MPID Number: 0012475	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H28
Elevation: 1,603.00	Facility Location: Pond H28	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,679,470.0000
Easting: 10,451,500.0000	Watershed Acres: 7.8	Disturbed Acres: 7.8	Receiving Stream: LESTER FORK
MPID Number: 0012474	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H27
Elevation: 1,609.00	Facility Location: Pond H27	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,679,865.0000
Easting: 10,451,975.0000	Watershed Acres: 2.9	Disturbed Acres: 2.9	Receiving Stream: LESTER FORK
MPID Number: 0012473	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H26
Elevation: 1,618.00	Facility Location: Pond H26	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,170.0000
Easting: 10,451,740.0000	Watershed Acres: 2.4	Disturbed Acres: 2.4	Receiving Stream: LESTER FORK
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MPID Number: 0012472	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H25
Elevation: 1,619.00	Facility Location: Pond H25	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,215.0000
Easting: 10,451,060.0000	Watershed Acres: 4.4	Disturbed Acres: 4.4	Receiving Stream: LESTER FORK
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MPID Number: 0012471	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H24
Elevation: 1,614.00	Facility Location: Pond H24	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,305.0000
Easting: 10,451,070.0000	Watershed Acres: 16.2	Disturbed Acres: 14.1	Receiving Stream: LESTER FORK
MPID Number: 0012470	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H23
Elevation: 1,610.00	Facility Location: Pond H23	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,660.0000
Easting: 10,451,325.0000	Watershed Acres: 4.2	Disturbed Acres: 4.2	Receiving Stream: LESTER FORK

MPID Number: 0012469	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H22
Elevation: 1,605.00	Facility Location: Pond H22	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,015.0000
Easting: 10,451,205.0000	Watershed Acres: 4.3	Disturbed Acres: 4.3	Receiving Stream: LESTER FORK
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MPID Number: 0012468	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H21
Elevation: 1,595.00	Facility Location: Pond H21	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,555.0000
Easting: 10,451,010.0000	Watershed Acres: 3.1	Disturbed Acres: 3.1	Receiving Stream: LESTER FORK
MPID Number: 0012467	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H20
Elevation: 1,590.00	Facility Location: Pond H20	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,600.0000
Easting: 10,450,990.0000	Watershed Acres: 1.8	Disturbed Acres: 1.8	Receiving Stream: LESTER FORK
MPID Number: 0012466	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H19
Elevation: 1,589.00	Facility Location: Pond H19	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,975.0000
Easting: 10,450,790.0000	Watershed Acres: 1.6	Disturbed Acres: 1.6	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012465	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H18
Elevation: 1,590.00	Facility Location: Pond H18	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,625.0000
Easting: 10,450,540.0000	Watershed Acres: 2.1	Disturbed Acres: 2.1	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
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MPID Number: 0012464	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H17
Elevation: 1,595.00	Facility Location: Pond H17	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,365.0000
Easting: 10,450,510.0000	Watershed Acres: 2.8	Disturbed Acres: 2.8	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012463	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H16
Elevation: 1,600.00	Facility Location: Pond H16	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,955.0000
Easting: 10,450,245.0000	Watershed Acres: 5.5	Disturbed Acres: 5.5	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH

MPID Number: 0012462	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H15
Elevation: 1,600.00	Facility Location: Pond H15	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,925.0000
Easting: 10,450,210.0000	Watershed Acres: 12.5	Disturbed Acres: 11.0	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
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MPID Number: 0012461	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H14
Elevation: 1,593.00	Facility Location: Pond H14	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,505.0000
Easting: 10,449,925.0000	Watershed Acres: 2.2	Disturbed Acres: 2.2	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012460	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H13
Elevation: 1,592.00	Facility Location: Pond H13	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,540.0000
Easting: 10,449,780.0000	Watershed Acres: 6.7	Disturbed Acres: 6.7	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012459	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H12
Elevation: 1,604.00	Facility Location: Pond H12	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,905.0000
Easting: 10,449,025.0000	Watershed Acres: 32.4	Disturbed Acres: 27.6	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012458	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H11
Elevation: 1,605.00	Facility Location: Pond H11	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,020.0000
Easting: 10,447,885.0000	Watershed Acres: 20.2	Disturbed Acres: 17.4	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012457	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H10
Elevation: 1,604.00	Facility Location: Pond H10	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,679,940.0000
Easting: 10,447,775.0000	Watershed Acres: 35.8	Disturbed Acres: 28.4	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012456	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H9
Elevation: 1,605.00	Facility Location: Pond H9	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,679,070.0000
Easting: 10,447,410.0000	Watershed Acres: 16.4	Disturbed Acres: 13.1	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH

MPID Number:	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H7
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Elevation: 1,599.00	Facility Location: Pond H7	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,670.0000
Easting: 10,447,235.0000	Watershed Acres: 8.5	Disturbed Acres: 8.5	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
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MPID Number: 0012454	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H6
Elevation: 1,593.00	Facility Location: Pond H6	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,720.0000
Easting: 10,447,370.0000	Watershed Acres: 6.4	Disturbed Acres: 6.4	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012125	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: WP3
Elevation: 1,445.00	Facility Location: Pond WP3	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,679,910.0000
Easting: 10,447,040.0000	Watershed Acres: 158.5	Disturbed Acres: 84.5	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012092	Action: D	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H8
Elevation: 1,602.00	Facility Location: POND H8	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,679,440.0000
Easting: 10,446,930.0000	Watershed Acres: 74.4	Disturbed Acres: 65.1	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012091	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H5
Elevation: 1,590.00	Facility Location: POND H5	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,455.0000
Easting: 10,448,055.0000	Watershed Acres: 6.4	Disturbed Acres: 6.4	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012090	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H4
Elevation: 1,590.00	Facility Location: POND H4	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,875.0000
Easting: 10,448,120.0000	Watershed Acres: 5.1	Disturbed Acres: 5.1	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012089	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H3
Elevation: 1,590.00	Facility Location: POND H3	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,900.0000
Easting: 10,448,320.0000	Watershed Acres: 4.6	Disturbed Acres: 4.6	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH

MPID Number: 0012088	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: H2
Elevation: 1,585.00	Facility Location: POND H2	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,682,040.0000
Easting: 10,448,660.0000	Watershed Acres: 3.1	Disturbed Acres: 3.1	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012087	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: S3
Elevation: 1,350.00	Facility Location: POND S3	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,585.0000
Easting: 10,449,225.0000	Watershed Acres: 5.6	Disturbed Acres: 5.6	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012086	Action: C	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: S2
Elevation: 1,353.00	Facility Location: POND S2	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,681,000.0000
Easting: 10,448,460.0000	Watershed Acres: 31.5	Disturbed Acres: 23.2	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012085	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: S1
Elevation: 1,310.00	Facility Location: POND H1,S1	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,682,035.0000
Easting: 10,449,485.0000	Watershed Acres: 37.6	Disturbed Acres: 36.9	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
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MPID Number: 0012084	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: WP-S
Elevation: 1,335.00	Facility Location: POND WP-S	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,682,000.0000
Easting: 10,450,085.0000	Watershed Acres: 12.9	Disturbed Acres: 12.9	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
MPID Number: 0012083	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: WP-N
Elevation: 1,220.00	Facility Location: POND WP-N	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,682,670.0000
Easting: 10,450,775.0000	Watershed Acres: 24.3	Disturbed Acres: 15.0	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH
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MPID Number: 0012075	Action: C	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 6	Location Number: WP2
Elevation: 1,445.00	Facility Location: H6,H7,WP2	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,680,660.0000
Easting: 10,447,925.0000	Watershed Acres: 24.7	Disturbed Acres: 22.1	Receiving Stream: WOLFPEN BRANCH

12. <u>Instream Monitoring Description:</u>

Instream monitoring requirements and locations are addressed in Sections 5.7, 5.10, and 21.2 of the joint CSMO/NPDES permit. Location details for each instream monitoring site are tabulated below:

MPID Number: 0012540	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 0	Location Number: BAS-4
Facility Location: UPSTREAM	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,678,775.0000	Easting: 10,452,000.0000
Stream: LESTER FORK			
MPID Number: 0012496	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 3	Location Number: SW-LESF2A
Facility Location: DOWNSTREAM	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,684,030.0000	Easting: 10,451,690.0000
Stream: LESTER FORK			
MPID Number: 0012497	Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 3	Location Number: SW-LESF3
Facility Location:	Quad: HURLEY	Northing:	Easting:
UPSTREAM		3,678,775.0000	10,452,000.0000
Stream: LESTER FORK			
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MPID Number: 0012082	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 0	Location Number: BAS-2A
Facility Location:	Quad: HURLEY	Northing:	Easting:
DOWNSTREAM		3,684,030.0000	10,451,690.0000
Stream: LESTER FORK			
MPID Number: 0012081	Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 0	Location Number: BAS-3
Facility Location:	Quad: HURLEY	Northing:	Easting:
UPSTREAM		3,682,087.1700	10,451,631.3500
Stream: LESTER FORK			
MPID Number: 0012080	Action: D	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 3	Location Number: SW-UTLSF-1
Facility Location: DOWNSTREAM	Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,684,117.0000	Easting: 10,451,693.0000
Stream: LESTER FORK			

Action:	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 3	Location Number: SW-LESF1
Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,682,414,0000	Easting: 10,451,467.0000
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Action: D	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 3	Location Number: B-3
Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,682,760.0000	Easting: 10,450,980.0000
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Action: D	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 3	Location Number: B-1
Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3.678.980.1693	Easting: 10,444,214.5700
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Action: D	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 0	Location Number: WB-1
Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,682,650,0000	Easting: 10,450,805.0000
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Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 0	Location Number: BAS-14
Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3.682.387.4850	Easting: 10,446,746.2170
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Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 3	Location Number: SW-LEF1
Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,682,030.0000	Easting: 10,446,225.0000
Action: A	Sampling Freq/Qtr: 3	Location Number: SW-WB2
Quad: HURLEY	Northing: 3,682,760.0000	Easting: 10,450,980.0000
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13. **Ground Water Monitoring:**

Ground water monitoring requirements and locations are addressed in Sections 5.3, 5.6, and 21.2 of the joint CSMO/NPDES permit.

14. Climatological Monitoring Description:

Climatological monitoring requirements and location information are addressed in Sections 5.12 and 21.2 of the joint CSMO/NPDES permit.

15. Threatened/Endangered Species

For additional information regarding Threatened/Endangered Species, refer to Section 8.7 of the joint CSMO/NPDES permit application.

16. <u>Site Inspection</u>:

Site inspections are required under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) permit under 4 VAC 25-130-840.11.

17. <u>Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity</u>:

All outfalls from the facility which contain storm water runoff will be subject to the storm water provisions of the NPDES program as governed by 9 VAC 25-31 et seq. The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) permit authorized under 4 VAC 25-130 and issued jointly with this NPDES permit contains extensive storm water monitoring and management requirements which are incorporated into this NPDES permit by reference.

The management and control of all storm water discharges not covered under 9 VAC 25-31 et seq is governed by the storm water management and drainage control provisions proposed in the SMCRA permit and meet or exceed the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan requirements of 9 VAC 25-151-80.

18. Anti-Degradation Review:

Stream Tier Designation(s):

There are 3 streams designated as affected surface waters for this permit.

Wolfpen Branch has a designation of Tier I.

Lester Fork has a designation of Tier I.

Left Fork has a designation of Tier I.

The State Water Control Board's Water Quality Standards includes an antidegradation policy (9 VAC 25-260-30). All state surface waters are provided one of three levels of antidegradation protection. For Tier 1 or existing use protection, existing uses of the water body and the water quality to protect these uses must be maintained. Tier 2 water bodies have water quality that is better than the water quality standards. Significant lowering of the water quality of Tier 2 waters is not allowed without an evaluation of the economic and social impacts. Tier 3 water bodies are exceptional waters and are so designated by regulatory amendment. The antidegradation policy prohibits new or expanded discharges into exceptional waters.

19. <u>Anti-Backsliding</u>:

For permit renewals and(or) permit modifications, the effluent limitations included in the permit are at least as restrictive as those in the preceding permit.

20. <u>Permit Conditions:</u>

Refer to the standard conditions and special conditions contained in the joint CSMO/NPDES permit.

The following special conditions are proposed to be included in Sections C and D of the NPDES permit:

a. **Industrial Reopener.** The permit includes a standard reopener to address potential changes in the permit which may be required as a result of changes in effluent standards or limitations promulgated or approved under Section 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act. (Part I.B.1) [Section C]

Rationale: 40 CFR 122.44 requires all permits for primary industrial categories to include the requirements of Section 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act.

b. **Notification Levels:** The permit includes a special condition which requires the permittee to notify the Department if they discharge certain toxic pollutants above established concentrations. [Section C]

Rationale: Required by VPDES Permit Regulation, 9 VAC 25-31-200 A for all manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers.

c. **TMDL Reopener.** The permit includes a standard reopener to address potential changes in the permit which may be required as a result of a new or revised TMDL. [Section D]

Rationale: Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires that Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) be developed for streams listed as impaired. This special condition is to allow the permit to be reopened if necessary to bring it into compliance with any applicable TMDL approved for the receiving stream. The reopener recognizes that, according to Section 402(o)(1) of the Clean Water Act, limits and/or conditions may be either more or less stringent than those contained in this permit. Specifically, they can be relaxed if they are the result of a TMDL, basin plan, or other waste load allocation prepared under section 303 of the Act.

It is believed that the joint CSMO/NPDES permit effluent limitations and special conditions will maintain State water quality standards.

21. <u>Materials Storage:</u>

See Special Condition (p) 2 of the standard NPDES Permit Conditions in the NPDES Permit, Section C.

22. NPDES Permit Rating Worksheet:

The staff has completed the NPDES Permit Rating Worksheet and has determined that the facility meets the criteria to be classified as a Minor Source. The completed worksheet is included in Appendix V.

Total Score: 40

23. Detailed Description - Location of Discharge Point(s)

Reference the mapping included in Section 21.2 of the permit application.

24. Public Participation:

Public Notice Information:

Public Notice required.

A copy of the application materials is made available for public inspection and comment at the designated public office. A copy of the draft NPDES permit and fact sheet are available for public inspection and comment at the Division's Big Stone Gap office.

NPDES Permit Renewal/Modification

Public notice requires publication for 1 week in a newspaper of general circulation. The public comment period runs 30 days following the date of publication. Refer to Sections 2.6 and 2.7 of the joint CSMO/NPDES permit.

New Joint Permit, CSMO/NPDES Permit Renewal, or Significant Revision

Public notice requires publication for 4 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. The public comment period runs 30 days following the date of last publication. Refer to Sections 2.6 and 2.7 of the joint CSMO/NPDES permit.

Public Comment Beginning Date:

5/11/2023 (1st publication, VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEER (Grundy))

Public Comment Ending Date:

6/1/2023 (30 days following last publication, VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEER (Grundy))

Public Comment Information:

Any person whose interests are or may be adversely affected by the proposed operation, or an Officer, or Head of any Federal, State, or local government agency or authority may within 30 days of the date of fourth publication may submit written comments or objections to the Division of Mined Land Reclamation concerning the proposed operation (and may also request, in writing, that the Division hold an Informal Conference concerning the application).

Any relevant comments received during the public comment period or provided during an Informal Conference are addressed in writing and provided to those who comment. Comments that were received after the public comment period were considered during the technical review process.

Procedures for requesting an informal conference:

A request for an informal conference shall follow the requirements of 4 VAC 25-130-773.13(c) of the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations.

All correspondence concerning the application should be submitted to:

Virginia Department of Energy Attn: DMLR Permit Section 3405 Mountain Empire Rd Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Telephone: (276) 523-8100 - Attn: DMLR Permit Section

Written comments and a request for informal conference may be e-mailed to the Division at dmlrpublicnotice@dmme.virginia.gov

Procedures for requesting a formal hearing:

4VAC25-130-775.11(g)

Administrative review:

Within 30 days after an applicant or permittee is notified of the decision of the division concerning an application for approval of exploration required under Part 772, a permit for surface coal mining and reclamation operations, a permit revision, a permit renewal, or a transfer, assignment, or sale of permit rights, the applicant, permittee, or any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the decision may request, in writing, a formal public hearing to contest such action with the Director of the Division of Mined Land Reclamation:

Virginia Department of Energy Attn: Director of the Division of Mined Land Repurposing 3405 Mountain Empire Rd Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Procedures for judicial review:

4VAC25-130-775.13:

Judicial review

- (a) General. Any applicant, or any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the final administrative decision and who has participated in the administrative hearings as an objector may appeal as provided in subsection (b) of this section if—
- (1) The applicant or person is aggrieved by the director or his designee's final order under 4VAC25-130-775.11; or
- (2) Either the division or the director failed to act within time limits specified in 4VAC25-130-775.11.
- (b) Judicial review. The final order of the division pursuant to subsection (a) of 4VAC25-130-775.11 shall be subject to judicial review as provided by the Virginia Administrative Process Act and the rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia as promulgated thereto. The availability of such review shall not be construed to limit the operation of the rights established in Section 520 of the Federal Act.
- (c) All notices of appeal for judicial review of a hearing officer's final decision, or the final decision on review and reconsideration, shall be filed with the Director, Division of Mined Land Reclamation:

Virginia Department of Energy

Attn: Director of the Division of Mined Land Repurposing 3405 Mountain Empire Rd Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

25. Variances

This permit has applicable waiver variances. The permit standards with waivers and variances are as follows:

Within 100 feet of a perennial or intermittent stream (4 VAC 25-130-816.57)

Within 500 feet of known abandoned underground mine works (4 VAC 25-130-816)

Within 100 feet of the right of way of any public road (4 VAC 25-130-761.1)

Within 300 feet of any occupied dwelling not specifically exempted by 4 VAC

Within 100 feet of a perennial or intermittent stream (4 VAC 25-130-816.57)

26. Staff Comments

Staff comments and applicant responses are located in Section 21.3 of the joint CSMO/NPDES permit.

27. Impaired Segments/TMDL Watersheds

TMDL Wasteload Evaluation:

Aggregate/transient mining wasteloads for each TMDL watershed and stressor are calculated on a quarterly basis by the DMLR staff using reported monitoring data (including measurements taken when utilizing applicable AELs) .These wasteload evaluations include each permit's contribution to the total TMDL wasteload. If the total TMDL wasteload exceeds the wasteload balance provided in the approved TMDL document, individual wasteload reductions for each permit are also calculated.

Wasteload evaluations for TMDL watersheds applicable to this permit are summarized in this factsheet.

TMDL Summary for Permit 1702380 / 0082380 :

There is 1 TMDL area which contains a wasteload allocation for active coal mining facilities affected by the outfalls of this permit - Knox Creek. The outfalls 002, 009, H2, H3, H4, H5, H8, S1, S2, S3, WP2, WP3, WP-N, and WP-S on this permit are previously approved to discharge into the Knox Creek Watershed. The outfalls H10, H11, H12, H13, H14, H15, H16, H17, H18, H19, H20, H21, H22, H23, H24, H25, H26, H27, H28, H29, H30, H31, H32, H6, H7, H9, and WP3B are proposed to discharge into the Knox Creek Watershed by this application.

Knox Creek TDS TMDL Summary

Knox Creek TDS Wasteload Evaluation Summary for Q3 2023 10/01/2022 to 09/30/2023		
Watershed Wasteload Allocation for Mining Operations (kg/year):	1,110,000	
Current Watershed Wasteload from Mining Operations (kg/year):	5,487,645	
Mining Wasteload Balance (kg/year):	-4,377,645	
Permit Wasteload (kg/year):	25,526	
Permit Wasteload Reduction Target (kg/year):	18,188	
Est. Wasteload Change Due to this Application (kg/year):	327,398	
Permit Offset Required (kg/year):	345,586	

Based on the Knox Creek TDS wasteload evaluation from 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023, the aggregate/transient mining wasteload exceeds the wasteload allocation. Therefore, the permittee is required to implement BMPs and/or offsets to reduce future TDS wasteloads in the Knox Creek watershed.

The outfalls 002, 009, H2, H3, H4, H5, H8, S1, S2, S3, WP2, WP3, WP-N, and WP-S on this permit are previously approved to discharge into the Knox Creek Watershed. The outfalls H10, H11, H12, H13, H14, H15, H16, H17, H18, H19, H20, H21, H22, H23, H24, H25, H26, H27, H28, H29, H30, H31, H32, H6, H7, H9, and WP3B are proposed to discharge into the Knox Creek Watershed by this application.

The wasteload currently exceeds the wasteload allocation. Therefore, an offset is required for the proposed wasteload in this application.

Offset Discussion:

Application 1009614, for Bearwallow Surface Mine – Permit 1101795, was approved for Phase 3 final bond release on 11/15/2015 after final reclamation was completed onsite. The Bearwallow Surface Mine reclaimed 274.89 acers of Abandoned Mines Lands (AML) features. Since this AML acreage was accounted original Knox Creek TMDL implementation, its reclamation shall act as an offset for proposed mining operations within the watershed.

Application 1011399, Wolfpen Branch Surface Mine – Permit 1702380, is adding 256.97 acres within the Knox Creek TMDL watershed. To offset the proposed wasteload, Wolfpen Branch Surface Mine's additional 256.97 acers will be offset by the 274.89 AML acers reclaimed within the Bearwallow Surface Mine.

It should be noted that reclamation of Bearwallow Surface Mine – Permit 1101795 was completed by the current permittee and is located within the Knox Creek Watershed. For reference, Appendix VVI: Knox Creek Watershed Location Map displays proximity of Bearwallow Surface Mine to Wolfen Branch Surface Mine in relation to the Knox Creek watershed.

TMDL Offset Tracking and Evaluation

The Department will track approved offset balances for this permit utilizing the Department's TMDL system. If the permit is required to have a mining waste load offset in order to discharge, then the following requirements will also be applied.

- 1. Permit compliance will be determined by comparing the rolling annualized aggregate mining waste load to the offset limitations. The permit will not be allowed to exceed the mining waste load offset amount credited to this permit except as described below:
 - a. Provided excess mining waste load is available when the aggregate watershed mining waste load is compared to the TMDL mining waste load allocation, the excess may be applied to the permitted waste load for that particular quarter.
 - b. On the condition of the rolling annualized aggregate waste load exceeding the offset limitation, then the permittee may request that additional available offset credit be applied to the permit.
- 2. If no excess mining waste load is available and no existing offset credit is available, then the excess mining waste load amount from this permit must have an additional offset. The additional offset must be reviewed and approved by the Department.

The Division of Mined Land Repurposing utilized its electronic permitting platform EForms to identify and track areas proposed as Remining. Section 7.1 of Virginia Energy's Coal Surface Mining Operation permit identifies Pre-Mining Land Uses for the area proposed to be permitted. If identified a land use of *Remining* means conducting surface coal mining and reclamation operations which affect previously mined lands affected by surface coal mining operations prior to August 3, 1977, that have not been reclaimed to the standards of this chapter (Chapter 19). If Remining has been identified the permittee is indicating that there are potential environmental and safety problem(s) related to prior mining activity which could be reasonably anticipated to occur at the site. The permittee is required to provide a detailed narrative describing the nature of the investigation to identify potential problems which shall include visual observations at the site, a record review of past mining at the site, and environmental sampling tailored to current site conditions. Identify the type and degree of the potential problems and provide a mitigation plan. Delineate on the appropriate map those areas within the proposed permit area that have been previously disturbed or affected by surface coal mining operations and are believed to be lands eligible for remining. Once the areas of Remining have been delineated on the appropriate maps the Virginia Energy Mine Land Repurposing technical section confirms via appropriate ariel photography and/or USGS 1978 topographical maps.

Once the area designated as Remining has been approved by DMLR, then this land area would quality as a suitable offset. Reclamation of these land areas within the subject TMDL watershed would qualify for an acre for acre reduction. The reclamation of the area would be completed prior to the new mining area being disturbed. DMLR will manage a spreadsheet to track the acreage of the land areas that qualifies for reduction. Once reclamation is completed of the Remining area, DMLR will track the TMDL reduction acreage.

As discussed within Knox Creek TDS TMDL Summary narrative, Application 1009614 - Bearwallow Surface Mine – Permit 1101795, was approved for Phase 3 final bond release on 11/15/2015 after final reclamation was completed onsite. Bearwallow Surface Mine reclaimed 274.89 acers of Abandoned Mines Lands (AML) features, which makes its 274.89 acers of AML load available for offset reduction within the watershed. Offset reduction from the Bearwallow Surface Mine shall be tracked and applied toward Wolfen Branch Acreage Amendment of 256.97 acers.

In addition to the reduction completed at the Bearwallow Surface Mine, A BMP approach will be used in addition to meet WLAs in lieu of altered effluent limitations for permitted coal mine point source

discharges. The Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations (VCSMRR) require active mining operations to use sediment control measures and BMPs to prevent additional contributions of solids to stream flow and to minimize erosion to the extent possible. The measures include practices carried out within and adjacent to the disturbed mining area and consist of the utilization of proper mining and reclamation methods and control practices, singly or in combination. These methods and practices include, but are not limited to – 1) Disturbing the smallest area at any one time during the mining operation through progressive backfilling, grading, and prompt revegetation; 2) Stabilizing the backfill material to promote a reduction in the rate and volume of runoff; 3) Diverting runoff away from disturbed areas; 4) Directing water and runoff with protected channels; 5) Using straw, mulches, vegetative filters, and other measures to reduce overland flow; and, 6) Reclaiming all lands disturbed by mining as contemporaneously as practicable.

Future Growth

The Department will track the future growth balance for TMDL watersheds. The future growth allocation will be managed in a manner similar to an offset where new applications will draw from future growth if mining waste load is not available for the watershed. If the future growth is utilized as well as the mining waste load for the watershed, the permit will be required to have a mining waste load offset in order to discharge.

Future growth allocations are not available within the Knox Creek TMDL watershed. No future growth will be available for the Wolfpen Branch Permit. If additional mining is to occur onsite, the permittee must provide additional reductions within the watershed.

PCBs

The permit is not expected to have a direct effect within the Levisa River watershed; therefore, PCB monitoring is not mandated for the permit.

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Appendix I. Representative Sampling/Effluent Screening:

Representative Sampling

Typical surface mine discharges can be divided into three categories based on the area controlled and whether the outfall is expected to discharge continuously, intermittently, or rarely/never.

Discharges within each of the three categories are located in the same geological strata and receive precipitation runoff from the same sources. Due to the similarities between discharges within each classification, the Department is allowing representative sampling from one outfall of each class with the exception of outfalls expected to rarely/never discharge, which require no representative sampling. Initial permit conditions will be imposed based on the representative data. Permit limits will be modified as appropriate at renewal once discharge data is collected from the outfall when constructed. If any outfalls begin to have frequent discharges then representative sampling will be required and any necessary permit limits will be developed. If the representative outfall is not constructed first or is not the first outfall of the type represented to discharge, the first discharging outfall should be utilized.

Class I - Co-mingled surface and mine waters - Outfall S2

Class II - Surface runoff of surface mines, coal stockpile, fill, and refuse area - Outfall WP3 and WP3B

Class III - Surface runoff of surface mines with a limited disturbed area - Outfall WP-N

Class IV – Surface runoff of surface mines with a limited disturbed area with fill – Outfall S1

Effluent Screening

WET Assays – Effluent

WET assays are utilized as a screening tool to determine if a reasonable potential for effluent toxicity exists. Acute and/or chronic bioassays as appropriate will be utilized to measure whole effluent toxicity in discharge samples for four consecutive quarters. Effluents demonstrating toxicity will receive appropriate WET limits for the discharge. Discharges not exhibiting toxicity will not receive WET limits and will only be required to submit additional WET tests at renewal and/or mid-term. Characterization will be conducted by a qualified laboratory per DEQ protocol. WET assays will utilize standard WET testing organisms and toxicity will be determined utilizing the results from such testing.

Acute and chronic WET testing is required at outfalls WP3B and WP3.

Chemical Analyses – Effluent

The permit requires sampling for the parameters in Table 1 within 6 months of commencing the permitted activity and at renewal for each representative outfall, and in receiving streams. If any outfalls begin to have frequent discharges then representative sampling will be required and any necessary permit limits will be developed. If the representative outfall is not constructed first or is not the first outfall of the type represented to discharge, the first discharging outfall should be utilized This chemical effluent screening data will be utilized for the RP and appropriate numerical limits will be applied if necessary. These parameters will be compared to instream baseline data and numerical water quality standards to determine whether numerical limits and/or mixing zones are required. The chemical analyses for effluent screening are in addition to the currently required bi-weekly sampling required for NPDES monitoring compliance purposes.

Outfalls S1, S2, WP3B*, WP3*, and WP-N are designated as the representative outfalls for effluent screening.

*Outfall WP3 was constructed and replaced Outfall 002 as the representative outfall. Once mining advances, Outfall WP3 will be replaces by WP3B as the representative outfall for the drainage system.

Representative sampling of a similar outfall has been conducted and submitted. The analytical results of the representative sampling is list below:

Are all other applicable pollutants listed in EPA form 2C but not listed below believed to be absent? YES or NO If NO, list those additional pollutants in the table below and Outfall No. 002 include analytical results and units. Parameter Analytical Result Unit 17 Flow gpm Temperature 19.2 Co 7.4 STD pH TSS 3 mg/L Specific Conductance 868 umhos/cm TDS 612 mg/L Sulfates 374 mg/L Bromide 0.4 mg/L Chlorides 6.4 mg/L Aluminum 0.055 mg/L 0.119 Iron mg/L Manganese 0.081 mg/L Magnesium 34.3 mg/L Total Acidity BDL (3.80) mg/L CaCO₃ mg/L CaCO3 Total Alkalinity 33.6 Bicarbonate Alkalinity 33.6 mg/L Carbonate Alkalinity BDL (3.20) mg/L Hardness 281.5 mg/L Total Zinc BDL (7.50) ug/L Total Antimony BDL (0.0042) mg/L Total Arsenic BDL (1.129) ug/L Total Beryllium BDL (0.022) ug/L Total Cadmium BDL (0.01) mg/L Total Chromium BDL (5.90) ug/L Total Copper 26.85 ug/L Total Lead BDL (4.90) ug/L Total Nickel ug/L BDL (4.30) Total Mercury BDL (0.0002) mg/L Total Selenium BDL (0.8) ug/L Total Silver BDL (14.50) ug/L Total Thallium BDL (0.007) mg/L ug/L Total Barium 24.34 Total Boron BDL (0.10) mg/L Total Cobalt BDL (0.0) mg/L Total Cyanide BDL (0.8) ug/L Total Phenols 54 ug/L Nitrate 0.05 mg/L Nitrite BDL (0.01) mg/L

Data is from Application No. 1010168 approved in August 2018 and is intended to represent estimated effluent screening.

mg/L

mg/L

0.8

0.003

Dissolved Organic Carbon

Hydrogen Sulfide 1

TABLE 1 - Parameters

Parameter

Flow (gpm)

Temperature (°C)

pH (std units)

TSS (mg/L)

Specific Conductance (uS/cm)

TDS (mg/L)

Sulfates (mg/L)

Bromide (mg/L)

Chlorides (mg/L)

Aluminum (mg/L)

Iron (mg/L)

Manganese (mg/L)

Magnesium (mg/L)

Total Acidity (mg/L)

Total Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO3)

Bicarbonate Alkalinity (mg/L)

Carbonate Alkalinity (mg/L)

Hardness (mg/L CaCO3)

Total Zinc (µg/L)

Total Antimony (µg/L)

Total Arsenic (µg/L)

Total Beryllium (µg/L)

Total Cadmium (µg/L)

Total Chromium (µg/L)

Total Copper (µg/L)

Total Lead (µg/L

Total Mercury (µg/L)

Total Nickel (µg/L)

Total Selenium (µg/L)

Total Silver (µg/L)

Total Thallium (µg/L)

Total Barium (µg/L)

Total Boron (µg/L)

Total Cobalt (µg/L)

Total Cyanide (µg/L)

Total Phenols (µg/L)

Nitrate (mg/L)

Nitrite (mg/L)

Dissolved Organic Carbon (mg/L)

Hydrogen Sulfide (mg/L)¹

¹ This parameter need only be analyzed for underground mine discharges.

Appendix II: Evaluation of Effluent Limitations

Sediment control structures and the associated NPDES outfalls for surface coal mining operations primarily receive precipitation runoff from mined areas and discharge in response to precipitation events. Technology-based effluent limitations per 40 CFR 434 apply.

None Requested.

Appendix III: Reasonable Potential Analysis

DMLR must perform a Reasonable Potential Analysis (RPA) (9VAC 25-31-220 D.1) for each proposed discharge in determining which permit conditions are needed for a new or expanded discharge permit. This analysis is based primarily on the potential for the permit's sediment control structures to discharge and upon the nature of the discharge, whether or not dilution is available in the receiving streams, mining practices, including the geology, drainage area, etc. DMLR may utilize applicable WET screening data, effluent chemical monitoring data, instream chemical data, and instream biological survey data in conducting the RPA. As part of any RPA, DMLR will consider whether or not there are representative discharges that can be used to determine the RP for a given outfall. In TMDL watersheds, DMLR will consider whether discharges will comply with the TMDL as a portion of the RPA.

In summary, Virginia's approach will include some or all of these measures to address the potential impact of mining discharges and to address Virginia's Narrative Water Quality Standards.

- 1. The potential for discharge, including both flow rate and duration
- 2. Chemical characterization of discharges and receiving streams
- 3. Instream biologic characterization including benthic surveys, fish surveys, chemical water quality analyses, and habitat surveys to address effects on sensitive species
- 4. WET assays to determine effluent toxicity when deemed necessary by DMLR

Reasonable Potential Analysis for the narrative standard with respect to WET Testing was conducted. NPDES Outfalls WP-N, Outfall S1, and Outfall S2 is unlikely to discharge, due to limited watershed acreage, drainages of this size and nature rarely if ever discharge. NPDES Outfall WP3B and Outfall WP3 has potential to discharge, due to the substantial drainage size, drainages of this size history discharge frequently. Outfall WP3B and Outfall WP3 are located within the Knox Creek TMDL Watershed, with TDS listed as a stressor. Currently, the end point value of the Knox Creek TMDL is 369 mg/L. Effluent characterization data provided by the permittee (located within Section 5.15 of the electrical permit) documented TDS concentration of 612 mg/L. Based on concentration within the receiving stream there is no assimilative capacity, thus reasonable potential does exist with respect to TDS. Acute and chronic WET Testing is required.

Based on the representation effluent screening provided, there is no anticipated reasonable potential to cause or contribute to the exceedance of a state or federal water quality standard.

Instream Biological Surveys

Biological Monitoring Plan

Biological surveys are to be completed to determine the benthic health of LEFT FORK at location BAS-14 and LESTER FORK at locations BAS-3, BAS-2A, and BAS-4 as outlined in the joint CSMO/NPDES permit. Fall annual biological monitoring at Biological Aquatic Stations BAS-14, BAS-2A, BAS-3, and BAS-4 is required (See Part I Section 8.3 and the applicable map in Part I Section 21.2 in the DMLR Electronic Permit Application for location information). The Virginia Stream Condition Index (VASCI) protocol will be used. Also, stream habitat scores and chemical data will be collected at these locations. All biologic sampling shall be done in accordance with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources scientific collection permit requirements.

Appendix IV: Evaluation of Alternate Effluent Limitations: Remining None Requested.

Appendix V: NPDES Permit Rating Worksheet

Date: 12 May 2025

DMLR Application No: 1011399 DMLR Permit No: 1702380 VPDES Permit No: 0082380

FACTOR 1 Toxic Pollutant Potential

Determine the *Total Toxicity* potential:

SICCode	Permit Has Prep Plant	Total Toxicity Group	Points
1221		5	25
1221	X	5	25
1222		5	25
1222	X	6	30

Factor 1 Score: 25

FACTOR 2 Flow/Stream Flow Volumes

Coal industry discharges are always Type III

Sum of average discharges for each outfall for permit: 0.04 MGD

Flow Class	Code	Points
< 1 MGD	31	0
< 5 MGD	32	10
<10 MGD	33	20
>10 MGD	34	30

Factor 2 Score: 0

FACTOR 3 Conventional Pollutants

TSS load for all outfalls on permit

Flow (gpm):	25.00
Concentration (mg/L):	35.00
Days:	1
Load (lbs/day):	10.90

Load Class	Code	Points
< 100 lbs/day	1	0
< 1000 lbs/day	2	5
<5000 lbs/day	3	15
>5000 lbs/day	4	20

Factor 3 Score: 0

FACTOR 4 Public Health Impact

Is a public drinking water intake located within 50 miles downstream of discharge?

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Answer	Points
No	0
Yes	See below

If yes, determine the *human health* toxicity potential:

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SICCode	Permit Has Prep Plant	Human Health Toxicity Group	Points
1221		5	5
1221	X	6	10
1222		5	5
1222	X	6	10

Factor 4 Score: 0

FACTOR 5 Water Quality Factors

A) Is (or will) one or more of the effluent discharge limits based on water quality factors of the receiving stream (rather than technology-based federal effluent guidelines, or technology-based state effluent guidelines), or has a waste load allocation been assigned to the discharge?

Answer	Code	Points
Yes	1	10
No	2	0

Factor 5a Score: 10

B) Is the receiving water in compliance with applicable water quality standards for pollutants that are water quality limited in the permit?

Answer	Code	Points
Yes	1	0
No	2	5

Factor 5b Score: 5

C) Does the effluent discharged from this facility exhibit the reasonable potential to violate water quality standards due to whole effluent toxicity?

Answer	Code	Points
Yes	1	10
No	2	0

Factor 5c Score: 0

Factor 5 Total Score: 15

Factor 6 Proximity to Near Coastal Waters

Is the permit within 50 miles of near coastal waters?

Answer	Points
Yes	5
No	0

Factor 6 Score: 0

Worksheet Score (factors 1 through 6): 40

Appendix D (Coal Facility Discretionary Major Weighting Factor Guideline)

1) Annual Coal Mined or Processed

Tons/year	Points
$\geq 1,500,000$	4
\geq 500,000 and \leq 1,500,00	2
< 500,000	0

Factor D1 Score: 4

2) Coal Origin

Is the coal mined from an acidic seam?

Answer	Points
Yes	5
No	0

Factor D2 Score: 5

3) Average Discharge Rate

Discharge	Points
≥ 1,500 GPM	5
$< 1,500 \text{ and} \ge 500 \text{ GPM} 3$	3
< 500 GPM	1

Factor D3 Score: 1

4) Receiving Stream

Classification	Points
Trout (cold-water fishery)	5
Other high quality	3
Other	0

Factor D4 Score: 0

5) Average Discharge to TMDL Watershed(s)

TMDL Discharge	Points
≥ 500 GPM	10
< 500 GPM	0

Factor D5 Score: 0

Appendix D Score: 10

Score Summary

If the worksheet score for factors 1 through 6 is less than 80 and the Appendix D score is greater or equal to 15, add 500 points to worksheet score.

Final Worksheet Score: 40

Major or Minor Source: Minor Source

Appendix VI: TMDL Wasteload Change Estimations

		Kr	Knox Creek TDS	Estimated Wa	Creek TDS Estimated Wasteload Changes	Ş		
			Est Flow =	0.50, Est Conc. = 766.00	. = 766.00			
Outfall	Watershed	AWL Watershed	Disturbed	Remining	%NonRemine	ΔFlowother	$\Delta \mathrm{WL}_{\mathrm{Other}}$	AWL Total
Cution	Acre Change	(kg/year)	Acres	Acres	ZOTA OHITACINITE	(kg/year)	(kg/year)	(kg/year)
S2	22.20	16,916.88	23.20	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	16,916.88
H8	-13.20	-10,058.69	65.10	00.00	100.00%	0.00	00.00	-10,058.69
9H	6.40	4,876.94	6.40	00.0	100.00%	00.00	00.00	4,876.94
H7	8.50	6,477.18	8.50	00.0	100.00%	00.00	00.00	6,477.18
6H	16.40	12,497.16	13.10	00.00	100.00%	00.00	00.00	12,497.16
H10	35.80	27,280.38	28.40	00.00	100.00%	0.00	00.00	27,280.38
H11	20.20	15,392.84	17.40	00.00	100.00%	0.00	00.00	15,392.84
H12	32.40	24,689.50	27.60	00.0	100.00%	00.00	00.00	24,689.50
H13	6.70	5,105.55	6.70	00.00	100.00%	00.00	00.00	5,105.55
H14	2.20	1,676.45	2.20	00.0	100.00%	0.00	0.00	1,676.45
\$1H	12.50	9,525.27	11.00	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	9,525.27
91H	5.50	4,191.12	5.50	00.0	100.00%	0.00	0.00	4,191.12
μ 111	2.80	2,133.66	2.80	00.0	100.00%	0.00	00.00	2,133.66
H18	2.10	1,600.25	2.10	00.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	1,600.25
H19	1.60	1,219.23	1.60	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	1,219.23
H20	1.80	1,371.64	1.80	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	1,371.64
H21	3.10	2,362.27	3.10	00.0	100.00%	0.00	0.00	2,362.27
H22	4.30	3,276.69	4.30	00.0	100.00%	0.00	00.00	3,276.69
H23	4.20	3,200.49	4.20	00.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	3,200.49
H24	16.20	12,344.75	14.10	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	12,344.75
H25	4.40	3,352.90	4.40	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	3,352.90
H26	2.40	1,828.85	2.40	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	1,828.85
H27	2.90	2,209.86	2.90	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	2,209.86
H28	7.80	5,943.77	7.80	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	5,943.77
H29	10.90	8,306.04	10.90	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	8,306.04
H30	4.30	3,276.69	4.30	0.00	100.00%	0.00	00.00	3,276.69
H31	9.90	7,544.01	9.90	0.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	7,544.01
H32	13.90	10,592.10	13.90	0.00	100.00%	00.00	00.00	10,592.10

		Kr	Knox Creek TDS Est Flow =	Sreek TDS Estimated Wasteload Cl Est Flow = 0.50, Est Conc. = 766.00	Creek TDS Estimated Wasteload Changes Est Flow = 0.50, Est Conc. = 766.00	SS		
Outfall	Watershed Acre Change	AWLWatershed (kg/year)	Disturbed Acres	Remining Acres	%NonRemine	ΔFlow _{Other} (kg/year)	AWLother (kg/year)	∆WL _{Total} (kg/year)
WP3B	291.40	222,053.13	225.40	00.00	100.00%	00'0	00.00	222,053.13
002	-109.20	-83,212.77	19.30	00.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	-83,212.77
Total	430.40	327,974.14	746.50	00.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00	327,974.14

KNOX CREEK WATERSHED WOLFDEN BRANCH SURFACE MINE BEARWALLOW SURFACE NITNE

Appendix VVI: Knox Creek Watershed Location Map

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Revision Application

Application No: 1011399

CSMO No: 1702380

Approval Date: 3/3/2025

NPDES No: 0082380

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: CLINTWOOD JOD, LLC Facility: WOLFPEN BRANCH SURFACE

MINE

Address: P. O. BOX 100 Location: WOLFPEN BRANCH OFF STATE

ROUTE 650

 City:
 BELCHER
 State Plane - North:
 3680500.0000

 State:
 KY
 Zip:
 41513
 State Plane - East:
 10447000.0000

Telephone: (606)835-4006

Operator: JOHN C. ADKINS

Total Acres: 471.63

Inspector: Josh McCoy

Types of Mining
Surface - Area
Surface-Contour
Surf-Auger/HW Miner
Undergrd R P

Coun	ty
BUCHANA	N
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Quadrangle
HURLEY

Receving Stream	Code	Watershed	Wtr#	Basin
LEFT FORK	691	TUG FORK - KNOX CK	TF60	BIG SANDY
LESTER FORK	712	TUG FORK - KNOX CK	TF60	BIG SANDY
WOLFPEN BRANCH	717	TUG FORK - KNOX CK	TF60	BIG SANDY

II. CONTRACT LABORATORY SERVICES

Laboratory Services will be performed by:

Laboratory Name: ENV. MONITORING, INC. (EMI)

Address: 5730 Industrial Park Rd.

City: NORTON State: VA Zip: 24273

Telephone: (276)679-6544

Comments:

[5/12/2025, dmmeaxp]APPNO 1011399 ACRES AMENDMENT - TO AMEND 256.97 ACRES FOR ADDITIONAL MINING AREA, TO ADD PONDS H9 THRU H32, WP3A, WP3B AS WELL AS NUMEROUS NPDES OUTFALLS, TO DELETE SHF-WP2 AND POND WP2, TO REVISE HF-WP3, POND S2 AND POND H8, TO DELETE MONITORING POINTS THAT WERE RELINQUISHED FROM PERMIT #1402339 IN THE ORIGINAL PERMIT APPLICATION, TO DELETE THE PREP PLANT AND REFUSE DISPOSAL MINE TYPES, AND TO REVISE THE INCREMENTAL BONDING PLAN/MAP.

GROUNDWATER ADDED: GW-LESF3 (0012586) , P-4 (0012479) , GW-LEF1 (0008904) GROUNDWATER

GROUNDWATER ADDED: GW-LESF3 (0012586) , P-4 (0012479) , GW-LEF1 (0008904) GROUNDWATER CHANGED: UD-WP3 (0012124) , UD-S1 (0012077) GROUNDWATER DELETED: GW-WP1 (0010133) , P-2 (6050126) , P-1A (6050125) INSTREAM ADDED: SW-WB2 (0010238) , SW-LEF1 (0010236) , BAS-14 (0010519) , SW-LESF3 (0012497) , SW-LESF2A (0012496) , BAS-4 (0012540) INSTREAM DELETED: WB-1 (0008047) , B-1 (6020119) , B-3 (6020121) , SW-UTLSF-1 (0012080) NPDES ADDED: H21 (0012468) , H22 (0012469) , H23 (0012470) , H24 (0012471) , H25 (0012472) , H26 (0012473) , H27 (0012474) , H28 (0012475) , H29 (0012476) , H30 (0012477) , H31 (0012478) , H32 (0012481) , WP3B (0012541) , H6 (0012454) , H7 (0012455) , H9 (0012456) , H10 (0012457) , H11 (0012458) , H12 (0012459) , H13 (0012460) , H14 (0012461) , H15 (0012462) , H16 (0012463) , H17 (0012464) , H18 (0012465) , H19 (0012466) , H20 (0012467) NPDES CHANGED: S2 (0012086) , WP2 (0012075) NPDES DELETED: H8 (0012092) , 009 (6070139) , 002 (6070132)

1/29/2024 NPDES OUTFALL H8

(MPID 0012092) DELETED BY INSPECTION

EFFECTIVE DATE 7/5/2023 (Other - specified in comments). dmmejkw.7/6/2023 NPDES OUTFALL 002 (MPID 6070132) DELETED BY INSPECTION

EFFECTIVE DATE 7/5/2023 (Other - specified in comments). dmmesrw. [1/3/2023, dmmeslh]NJ APPNO 1011130 ISSUED 12/27/2022 AS A NEW CSMO/NPDES PERMIT 1702380/0082380, CLINTWOOD JOD, LCC.- WOLFPEN BRANCH SURFACE MINE.

GROUNDWATER ADDED: UD-WP3 (0012124) , GW-LESF2 (0012138) , GW-WP1 (0010133) , GW-LESF1A (0012076) , UD-S1 (0012077) , P-2 (6050126) , P-3 (0012078) , P-1A (6050125) INSTREAM ADDED: WB-1 (0008047) , B-1 (6020119) , B-3 (6020121) , SW-LESF1 (0012079) , SW-UTLSF-1 (0012080) , BAS-3 (0012081) , BAS-2A (0012082) NPDES ADDED: H5 (0012091) , H8 (0012092) , WP2 (0012075) , 009 (6070139) , WP3 (0012125) , 002 (6070132) , WP-N (0012083) , WP-S (0012084) , S1 (0012085) , S2 (0012086) , S3 (0012087) , H2 (0012088) , H3 (0012089) , H4 (0012090) RAIN GAUGE ADDED: RAIN GAUGE (0000666) **LAB: ENV. MONITORING, INC (EMI) SIGNING DMRS: PHILLIP WILLIS. DALE DOTSON, CHRIS STANLEY**

III. NPDES DISCHARGE SITES

MPID	Outfall	State Plane N	Stream	Quad	Added	Limit	Stat
	Facility	State Plane E	Name	Section	Deleted		
0012075	WP2	3680660.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	H6,H7,WP2	10447925.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012083	WP-N	3682670.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	POND WP-N	10450775.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012084	WP-S	3682000.0000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	POND WP-S	10450085.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012085	S1	3682035.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	POND H1,S1	10449485.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012086	S2	3681000.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	POND S2	10448460.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012087	S3	3681585.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	POND S3	10449225.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012088	H2	3682040.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	POND H2	10448660.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012089	H3	3681900.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	POND H3	10448320.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012090	H4	3681875.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	POND H4	10448120.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				

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MPID	Outfall	State Plane N	Stream	Quad	Added	Limit	Stat
	Facility	State Plane E	Name	Section	Deleted		
0012091	H5	3681455.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	POND H5	10448055.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012092	H8	3679440.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	POND H8	10446930.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH		7/5/2023		
0012125	WP3	3679910.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022		
	Pond WP3	10447040.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012454	H6	3680720.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H6	N. Ok. St. School - Phillip New York School - Contract Contract	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012455	H7	3680670.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H7		WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012456	H9	3679070.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H9	- 100 (200 1-200) 159 (F) F (201 0-1 (5-5)) 150 (1-5)	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012457	H10	3679940.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H10	36 Life See Auction 200 live product by selection according to the	WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012458	H11	3680020.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H11	20 100 100 700 90 80000					
0012459	H12	3680905.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
			WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012460	H13	3681540.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
			WOLFPEN BRANCH				
0012461	H14	3681505.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H14						
0012462	H15	3680925.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H15						
0012463	H16	3680955.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
			WOLFPEN BRANCH		- /- /		
0012464	H17	3681365.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
0010105	Pond H17			11151.51	0/0/0005		
0012465	H18	3681625.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
0010100			WOLFPEN BRANCH	11151.51	0 10 100 0 5		
0012466	H19		717		3/3/2025		
0010107			WOLFPEN BRANCH		0 10 100 0 5		
0012467	H20	OUT CONTROL TO THE MEMBER MAINT PROPERTY AND THE	712		3/3/2025		
0010100		10450990.000000	LESTER FORK		0/0/0005		
0012468	H21	3681555.000000	712	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
0040400	Pond H21		LESTER FORK	LILIDI EV	0/0/0005		
0012469	H22	the manner of the water of the control of the contr	712	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
0040470		10451205.000000	LESTER FORK	LUDI EV	9/9/9995		
0012470	H23	3680660.000000 10451325.000000	712 LESTER FORK	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
0012471		A SE SELEN A PERSONAL SE SERVICIO SE		HUDLEY	2/2/2025		
0012471	H24		712	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
0040470		10451070.000000	LESTER FORK	LUIDI EM	2/2/0005		
0012472	H25		712 LESTED FORK	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
0040470	Pond H25		LESTER FORK	LUIDI EM	9/9/0005		
0012473	H26		712 LESTER FORK	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
0040474		10451740.000000	LESTER FORK	LUIDI EM	9/9/9995		
0012474	H27	3679865.000000 10451975.000000	712 LESTER FORK		3/3/2025		
	Pond H27	10451975.000000	LESTER FORK				

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MPID	Outfall	State Plane N	Stream	Quad	Added	Limit	Stat
	Facility	State Plane E	Name	Section	Deleted		
0012475	H28	3679470.000000	712	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H28	10451500.000000	LESTER FORK				
0012476	H29	3681580.000000	691	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H29	10446020.000000	LEFT FÖRK				
0012477	H30	3681580.000000	691	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H30	10445990.000000	LEFT FORK				
0012478	H31	3681240.000000	691	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H31	10445340.000000	LEFT FORK				
0012481	H32	3681120.000000	691	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	Pond H32	10445115.000000	LEFT FÖRK				
0012541	WP3B	3680675.000000	712	HURLEY	3/3/2025		
	H8,WP3A&B	10448185.000000	LESTER FORK				
6070132	002	3679270.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022	30-21	Α
	BASIN 2	10445930.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH	8	7/5/2023		
6070139	009	3681130.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022	30-09	Α
	BASIN 9	10448580.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH	8	3/3/2025		

IV. GROUNDWATER MONITORING SITES

MPID	Outfall	State Plane N	Elevation	Quad	Added	Stat
	Facility		Type	Section	Deleted	Olui
0008904	GW-LEF1	3685860.000000	1360.00	HURLEY	3/3/2025	Α
	DOWNSTREAM	10447478.000000	WELL			
0010133	GW-WP1	3681117.000000	1366.41	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	ALLUVIAL	10448452.000000	WELL		3/3/2025	
0012076	GW-LESF1A	3682192.518800	1225.00	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	ALLUVIAL	10451556.313000	WELL			
0012077	UD-S1	3682175.000000	1350.00	HURLEY	12/27/2022	NC
	HF-S1	10449410.000000	UNDERDRAIN			
0012078	P-3	3680500.000000	1700.00	HURLEY	12/27/2022	NC
	BACKFILL	10446550.000000	PIEZOMETER			
0012124	UD-WP3	3679895.000000	1440.00	HURLEY	12/27/2022	NC
	HF-WP3	10447010.000000	UNDERDRAIN			
0012138	GW-LESF2	3687189.000000	1070.50	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	ALLUVIAL	10456200.000000	WELL			
0012479	P-4	3681610.000000	1425.00	HURLEY	3/3/2025	NC
	BACKFILL	10450140.000000	PIEZÓMETER			
0012586	GW-LESF3	3679250.000000	1290.00	HURLEY	3/3/2025	NC
	UPSTREAM		WELL			
6050125	P-1A	3681855.288100	1350.00	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	BACKFILL	10450184.830000	PIEZÓMETER	8	3/3/2025	
6050126	P-2		1650.00	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	REFUSE FIL	10445484.621000	PIEZÓMETER	2	3/3/2025	

V. IN-STREAM MONITORING SITES

MPID	Outfall	State Plane N	Stream	Quad	Added	Stat
Mp Is No	Facility	State Plane E	Name	Section	Deleted	
0008047	WB-1	3682650.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	Downstream	10450805.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH		3/3/2025	

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Mp Is No	Facility	State Plane E	Name	Section	Deleted	
0010236	SW-LEF1	3682030.000000	691	HURLEY	3/3/2025	Α
	UPSTREAM	10446225.000000	LEFT FÖRK			
0010238	SW-WB2	3682760.000000	717	HURLEY	3/3/2025	Α
	DOWNSTREAM	10450980.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH			
0010519	BAS-14	3682387.485000	691	HURLEY	3/3/2025	Α
	UPSTREAM	10446746.217000	LEFT FÖRK			
0012079	SW-LESF1	3682414.000000	712	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	UPSTREAM	10451467.000000	LESTER FORK			
0012080	SW-UTLSF-1	3684117.000000	712	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	DOWNSTREAM	10451693.000000	LESTER FORK		3/3/2025	
0012081	BAS-3	3682087.170000	712	HURLEY	12/27/2022	NC
	UPSTREAM	10451631.350000	LESTER FORK			
0012082	BAS-2A	3684030.000000	712	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	DOWNSTREAM	10451690.000000	LESTER FORK			
0012496	SW-LESF2A	3684030.000000	712	HURLEY	3/3/2025	Α
	DOWNSTREAM	10451690.000000	LESTER FORK			
0012497	SW-LESF3	3678775.000000	712	HURLEY	3/3/2025	Α
	UPSTREAM	10452000.000000	LESTER FORK			
0012540	BAS-4	3678775.000000	712	HURLEY	3/3/2025	Α
	UPSTREAM	10452000.0000000	LESTER FORK			
6020119	B-1	3678980.169300	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	UPSTREAM	10444214.570000	WOLFPEN BRANCH	8	3/3/2025	
6020121	B-3	3682760.000000	717	HURLEY	12/27/2022	Α
	DOWNSTREAM	10450980.000000	WOLFPEN BRANCH	8	3/3/2025	

VI. RAINFALL MONITORING SITES

MPID	Facility	State Plane N	State Plane E	Added	Deleted	Stat
0000666	MINE SITE	3708641.800000	10453002.800000	12/27/2022		Α