



WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY - *Obed Mountain Mine*

EPO 2013/ CR-34
Obed Mountain Mine
Monthly Status Report - April 2016

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1.0 MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – APRIL 2016

On November 19, 2013, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development ("ESRD") issued Environmental Protection Order No. EPO-2013/34-CR, as amended (the "EPO"), to Coal Valley Resources Inc. ("CVRI") and Sherritt International Corporation in respect of the Obed Mountain Mine (the "Mine"). Oversight of the EPO transferred from ESRD to the Alberta Energy Regulator ("AER") in March 2014. CVRI became a subsidiary of Westmoreland Coal Company in April 2014.

The following documents are submitted in support of the April 2016 Monthly Status Report:

1. Attachment 1 - APRIL 2016 Data Sonde

2.0 EPO ACTIVITIES – April 2016

2.1 SUMMARY STATUS OF ASSESSMENTS, PLANS AND REPORTS

Table 1 summarises the current status of EPO required plans, assessments and reports. Clauses highlighted in green have been updated, modified or a status changed has occurred in the last thirty days.

Spring inspection and monitoring have begun in accordance with the LTSMP no additional field work occurred in April

TABLE 1 –SUMMARY STATUS

EPO 2013/CR-34 - Clause	Status	Comments
Clause 1 and 2 Immediate Requirements	Complete	Completed in 2013 -2014 Immediate response requirements were executed, the STMP and subsequent LTSMP ensures compliance of requirements on an ongoing basis.
Clause 3 Immediate and Short Term Sampling and Monitoring Plan ('STSMP')	Approved / Complete	The STSMP was executed and then replaced by the Long Term Sampling and monitoring Plan April 2014.
Clause 6 Solids Recovery Plan	Active / Approved /	Active.
Clause 10 Solids Recovery Report	Issued - Active	Updated and Issued January 2016. Updated Annually
Clause 11 Impact Assessment Plan	Approved / Active	The Impact Assessment Plan was approved April 24, 2015. Data collected under this plan has been communicated to the AER via Clause 15 Impact

		Assessment Report.
Clause 15 Impact Assessment Report	Under Revision	Updated report to be issued May 15, 2016
Clause 17 Long Term Sampling and Monitoring Plan ('LTSMP')	Approved / Active	Active and ongoing.
Clause 22 Wildlife Mitigation Plan	Approved / Active	The subject plan was approved April 2014 as part of the LTSMP. Updated report to be issued May 15, 2016
Clause 25(a) Fish Sampling and Monitoring Plan	Approved / Active	Description of requirements outlined in Clauses 22-26. 2015 data will be included in the updated May 15 th , 2016 Impact Report .
Clause 27 Remediation Plan	In development	The remediation strategy will be updated and submitted as a final plan once the Impact Report is approved. ETA- Q 2 2016
Clause 34 Waste Management Plan	Approved / Executed	The subject plan was approved on February 14, 2014.
Clause 37 Wastewater Management Plan	Approved / Executed	The subject plan was approved on February 14, 2014.
Clause 39 Monthly Status Reports	Active / Ongoing	Monthly status reports are ongoing.
Clause 41 Final Report	In development	The Final Report is required to be submitted to the AER within 30days of the completion of all work.
Human Health Risk Assessment (“HHRA”)	Under Revision	Updated Report to be submitted May 15, 2016

2.2 CLAUSE 15 – IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Impact Assessment Report is currently under revision. The revision will include the data and lab analysis from the 2015 field season. The updated / amended report will be issued May 15, 2016.

2.3 CLAUSES 17 – LONG TERM SAMPLING AND MONITORING PLAN ('LTSMP')

CVRI received approval of the Long-Term Sampling and Monitoring Plan retroactive to April 24, 2014. The Long-Term Sampling and Monitoring Plan is fully implemented and replaces the requirements outlined in Clause 3, the Immediate and Short Term Sampling and Monitoring Plan. The LTSMP is considered active and ongoing.

2.4 Clause 22- Wildlife Mitigation Plan

CVRI received approval of the Wildlife Mitigation Plan retroactive to April 24, 2014. The required data collected as part of the Wildlife Mitigation Plan has been included in the Final Impact Report submitted to the AER May 28th, 2015. Updates to wildlife Impact Assessments will be incorporated into the May 15th, 2016 Impact Plan publication.

2.5 FISH SAMPLING AND MONITORING PLAN

The data interpretation specific to the Fish Sampling and Monitoring was submitted to the AER as part of the Final Impact Report, May 28th, 2015. Sampling and monitoring as described in both the approved Wildlife Mitigation Plan and LTSMP continues.

2.6 CLAUSE 27 – REMEDIATION PLAN

An update to the Remediation Plan was submitted to the AER on May 28th, 2015. Changes and updates to the Remediation Plan will begin in May after the submission of the Impact Report.

2.7 HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT (“HHRA”)

The HHRA, update was submitted to AH for review on May 18th, 2015. As agreed upon in October 2015 the HHRA will be reissued with inclusion of the CBM program information and comments received from AH and communities May 2nd 2016. The HHRA is currently under review / revision and the updated report will be published May 15, 2016.

3.0 PLANNED EPO ACTIVITIES May 2016

1. Biweekly sediment trap / creel inspections.
2. Plan the 2016 work schedule.
3. Develop and submit the required Remediation plan and SubPlans.

4.0 SIR and COMMUNICATION UPDATES

CVRI continues to work to collect and submit data and information as prescribed by the approved plans. The submission of regularly scheduled progress reports and defined response periods allows CVRI and the AER to continue to communicate in a clear and effective manner until the final Impacts Report and Reclamation Report are submitted.

Requests for information, or data are processed on a monthly basis with distribution of the previous months requests being completed within 72 hours of this report being published.

The standardization of response times, not related to the AER, is to improve the efficiency of the process and ensure all information requests are processed in a timely fashion.

SIR's received from communities and regulators will continue to receive a letter detailing the planned response period / timeline.

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