



# COAL VALLEY RESOURCES INC. – *Obed Mountain Mine*

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## **Weekly Update Report**

Work Summarized: September 10<sup>th</sup> – September 17<sup>th</sup> , 2014

Prepared on: September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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### **Health and Safety:**

- Grizzly bear and cougar sightings on and around the mine site. Where possible personnel work in pairs and maintain communication with co-workers and dispatch.
- Incidents
  - 6 inch pump damaged when mud was dropped out of backhoe bucket – Silver Pit

### **Sampling and Monitoring Activities**

- Monitoring of the creek (banks, rip-rap), water quality and the sediment traps continue.
- Sediment trap inspections are occurring weekly and will continue until freeze up.
- Seed germination success assessment is ongoing..
- Noxious weeds were GPS and removal is planned.
- The Hatfield aquatics assessment concluded last week.\*
  - Data and findings will be published in the Quarterly report October 15, 2014.
- Sampling and Monitoring as per the Approved plans and EPEA requirements

### **Personnel (during the period):**

- Backwoods – 4, Pisces – 4, Bighorn – 3

### **Operations**

- Leveling in Silver Pit
- Monthly non-compliance reported for Yellow Pit in August
- Dam Safety inspection September 12<sup>th</sup>
- AER Technical Reviewers tour September 9<sup>th</sup>
- Beavers in ECP blocking discharge, trappers have removed 2 beavers – SRD Hinton is aware
- Pumping down settling ponds through fall to prep for spring runoff and allow for dredging where necessary. ELP-2 has been pumped down.
- MTP pumped down to minimize containment. Pumping will continue to freeze-up.



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## EPO Communications Weekly Summary

Table 1 – Communications and Regulatory Summary

Title	Due	Description	Status
7 day Letter – TSS Exceedence	September 17th	7 Day form letter - Details event, root cause and solution	Complete
August Monthly Industrial Wastewater Report	September	Required under EPEA	Complete Submitted to the AER and posted on the Obed website
SIRS – Round 3 Fish Sampling and Monitoring	TBD	The AER is currently concluding their review of the updated Fish Sampling and Monitoring Plan. The SIRS are expected within the next 7-10 days	On Track
HHRA – Final Report Submission	TBD	Resubmission of HHRA will be dependant upon AH feedback and required changes. HHRA will be developed as a Detailed Report. Review schedule to be submitted to AH.	In development– on Track
Quarterly Report	October 15th	Quarterly data and progress report.	In development – on Track
EPO Field Inspection	September 4th	Field Inspection specific to EPO 2013 / CR-34. No action items were identified in the field	Completed – Final written comments from AER pending.
Monthly EPO Conference Call	September 11th	Monthly progress and status call	Completed
Clause 39 Monthly Report	September 7th	Monthly EPO status and implementation update.	Completed