



COAL VALLEY RESOURCES INC. – *Obed Mountain Mine*
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To:	AER	Project No.:	EPO 2013/CR-34
	Alberta Energy Regulator	Transmittal No.:	OBED-COM-0059
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Attention:	Ken Dahl, Ken.Dahl@aer.ca	Issued By:	Kari McDonald
Subject:	Request for clarification Fish Sampling and Monitoring Plan	Follow up Req'd	Yes

CVRI is in receipt of a request for explanation and clarity regarding descriptions found in the Fish Sampling and Monitoring Plan, EPO 2013/CR-34. As the plan is a living document CVRI-OMM has registered the request and will provide a written answer to the AER on January 15th, 2015 as part of the Monthly / Quarterly Report. This request will be tracked under OBED-COM-0059.

The Questions to be responded to are:

1. Provide clarification on the methodology that Hatfield used to calculate watershed area, specifically for Apetowun Creek .
 - a. This request is being made based upon the following variance:
 - i. In the Introduction of the Fish Monitoring Plan, the document describes the Apetowun watershed area as 208 km², with 15 km of stream from the Obed Mine Plant before entering Plante Creek (Section 2.1.1).
 - ii. However, my (Gov. AB_P.P) calculations indicate an area of approximately 80 km², with 20 km of stream from the Main Tailings Pond to its confluence with Plante Creek.
 - b. If this is not an error in the Fish Monitoring Plan, an explanation of the methodology used to calculate these parameters would assist in clarifying the discrepancy.
2. Please provide clarification regarding the following statement:
 - a. Section 2.1.2. (line 5) that provides an overview of Baseline Creek, Hatfield references hydrology of Oldman Creek. Does this describe Baseline (e.g. Oldman was reported in error), or does this sentence belong in the Oldman Creek Description?

Sincerely,

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