



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

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<b>To:</b>	AER	<b>Project No.:</b>	EPO 2013/CR-34
	Alberta Energy Regulator	<b>Transmittal No.:</b>	SUB-REG-0071C Attachment 2
	Suite 1000, 250 – 5 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R4	<b>Date:</b>	April 7th, 2015
<b>Attention:</b>	Brian Olson <a href="mailto:Brian.Olson@aer.ca">Brian.Olson@aer.ca</a>	<b>Required By:</b>	April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
<b>Subject:</b>	Discussion Points - EPO Spring / Summer 2015	<b>Issued By:</b>	Kari McDonald

As outlined in the EPO 2013/CR-34 Clause 39 Monthly Report for February 2015, CVRI submits the following communication discussion points for review by the AER.

- CVRI is requesting that the Quarterly Progression Reports (voluntary, not an EPO requirement) be suspended and communication regarding progress and data updates be included in the required Monthly EPO Status Report. The Quarterly Reports overlap with the required Monthly Reports and we believe it would be more effective to combined the two elements. No other change to the reporting structure is requested.
  - An email response from the AER has been received and the request has been agreed upon.
- EPO 2013/CR-34 is silent with regards to the to submission date of the Final Impact Report and Remediation Plan. In the amendment made by ESRD there were “interim” dates set but the final date was never reflected in an official amendment. CVRI would like to confirm that the AER is still in agreement with the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 submission date for both the Final Impact Assessment Report and Remediation Plan.
  - An email response from the AER, dated March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 submission date has been accepted.
- CVRI will be submitting a Sediment Trap Assessment on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We will be making recommendations regarding the future use of the sediment traps and will require written responses from the AER to plan field work for the 2015 summer and fall season.
  - The Sediment Trap Assessment Report has been submitted.
- WCC will be presenting the EPO team and respective groups with a high level schedule and plan for the reclamation, abandonment and closure of the Obed Mine. This presentation is tentatively planned for late April. The intent of this meeting identify any areas of concern prior to submission of applications.
  - Meeting invitations will be emailed out before April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this communication please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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