



## United States Department of the Interior

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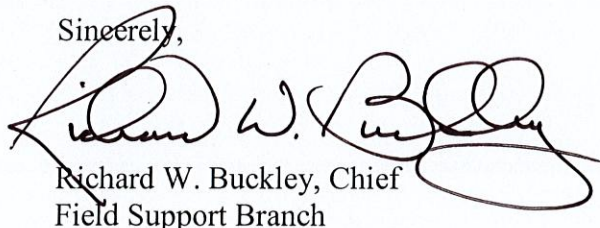
Lesa Baker, Project Coordinator  
Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy  
Division of Mined Land Reclamation  
3405 Mountain Empire Rd.  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Dear Mrs. Baker,

OSMRE has thoroughly reviewed DMLR's CE regarding the Golden Pond Gob Pile Project, Site 18302, and determined the project conforms to the exclusion criteria in the Department of the Interior, Departmental Manual, Part 516, DM 6, Chapter 13, and is excluded from further NEPA compliance.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 4-160-50D.3 of the Federal Assistance Manual, and section 403(b) of SMCRA, you are authorized to proceed with this project and expend Federal funds in accordance with AML grant terms and conditions. In accordance with OSM Directive AML-1, please update the Abandoned Mine Land Inventory System (e-AMLIS) from "unfunded" to "funded" based on your budget estimate for the project.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Buckley, Chief  
Field Support Branch

Enclosure

socioeconomics)

( ) Fish and Wildlife

**V. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION**

Signature: *Lesa Baker*

Date: October 16, 2018

Lesa Baker  
AML Project Coordinator

**VI. OSM DETERMINATION**

- This project conforms with the exclusion criteria in 516 DM 6, Appendix 8, and is excluded from further NEPA compliance.
- ( ) This project does not conform with the exclusion criteria in 516 DM 6, Appendix 8, and requires an environmental assessment.

Signature:

*Richard W. [Signature]* Chief  
Manager  
Big Stone Gap Area Office

Date: November 06, 2018