Public Notice

Peabody Natural Resources Company ("PNRC"), PO Box 757, Grants, NM 87020, has filed an application for Phase 1 bond release, completion of final backfilling, grading, and approved final surface configuration, lands within the El Segundo Mine, Permit No. 2020-01 pursuant to the regulations at 19.8. 14.1412(A) NMAC.

The El Segundo Mine, approved as a "5-year term" permit on July 20, 2020 by the Energy and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division (MMD), is located in McKinley County approximately 35 miles north of Milan, New Mexico on both sides of State Road 509. The El Segundo Surface Coal Mine Performance Bond for permit 2020-01 is $56,744,146.00 to ensure the successful reclamation of disturbance within the 16,559-permit area dated April 5, 2016. PNRC is requesting a release of $1,015,539.36 of the performance bond should this application be approved by the Director of MMD.

The land for which Phase 1 Release is being requested includes five parts totaling 424 acres located within the eastern and western portions of the El Segundo Mine, as described below. The areas total 424 acres, which equates to 6.27% of the 6,759.74 disturbed acres or 2.56% of the 16,559 permitted acres within the permitted portions of the El Segundo Mine.

The acres associated with the Phase 1 2026 release are within Sections 20, 21, 28, 29, 26, and 27 of T17N R10W; Sections 33 and 34 of T17N R10W in the Orphan Annie Rock USGS Quad maps; and Sections 4 and 3 of T17N R9W in the Laguna Castillo USGS Quad maps.

Acreage to be released	
Total acres permitted:	16,559
Total acres disturbed:	6,759
Total acreage to be released:	424
Percentage of permitted acres requested for Phase 1 release	2.56%
El Segundo Reclamation Bond	$56,744,146.00
Phase 1 Reduction ask	$1,015,539.36

A copy of the Phase 1 bond release application is available for public inspection at the McKinley Larry Brian Mitchell Rec Center, 400 Marguerite Franco Dr., Gallup, New Mexico, 87301,; the Grants Public Library, 1101 N First St., Grants, New Mexico; and on the New Mexico Mining Website at https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/public-notices/ or at the Mining and Minerals Division; 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences must be submitted to the Coal Mine Reclamation Program Manager of Mining and Minerals Division at Erik Munroe erik.munroe@emnrd.nm.gov, within 30 days after last publication of this notice.