

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 \$62,223,730.00 to ensure the successful reclamation of disturbance within the 16,559-permit area dated April 5, 2016. PNRC is requesting a release of \$788,001.06 of the performance bond should this application be approved by the Director of MMD.

Phase 1 of the approved reclamation plan, backfilling, grading, and final surface configuration, was completed on areas included in the application between 2015 and 2021. Backfilling and grading have been conducted to create a stable landscape in conformance with the approved post-mining contours in the permit. Reclamation procedures support achievement of the post-mining land use of livestock grazing. Reclamation results are tracked in Annual Reclamation Reports submitted to MMD. The acres associated with the Phase 1 2022 release are within Sections 27, 26, 25, and 36 of T17N R10W in the Orphan Annie Rock. USGS Quad maps; Sections 32, 33 and 34 of T17N, R9W in Laguna Castillo USGS Quad Maps.

A copy of the Phase 1 bond release application is available for public inspection at the McKinley County Courthouse, County Clerk’s Office, 201 W. Hill, Gallup, New Mexico; the Mother Whiteside Public Library, 1101 N First St., Grants, New Mexico; and on the New Mexico Mining Website at www.emnrd.nm.gov. Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences must be submitted to the Director of Mining and Minerals Division at Gerard.Schoeppner@state.nm.us or the Coal Mine Reclamation Program Manager of Mining and Minerals Division at JamesR.Smith@state.nm.us, within 30 days after last publication of this notice.