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From: "Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Dec 08 2015 22:12:17 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Harding, Stephenne" <stephenne_harding@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: self bonding part 2

Well that is unfortunate. Did not realize this did not go forward; thought it had, with the shorter time period on the state programs per Joe's email. We should discuss options. Thx

On Wed, Dec 9, 2015 at 12:08 AM, Harding, Stephenne <stephenne_harding@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I have not shared this language with the committee as I did not get confirmation from you or your staff that you were comfortable. At this point, we've pretty much missed the window, but happy to discuss other options.

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Sally, additionally on 12/4, OCL advised that the Energy Committee is very interested in finding some language that could be inserted in the Omnibus that would
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From: "Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Jan 26 2016 14:13:05 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarchk@osmre.gov>, Brandi Colander <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>, Felipe Mendoza <felipe_mendoza@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_Neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: self bonding part 2

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From: Brandi Colander <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Jan 26 2016 14:40:09 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: self bonding part 2

Nothing additional on my end.

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Sent: Tue Jan 26 2016 16:39:54 GMT-0700 (MST)
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To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>, Brandi Colander <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
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To: Joe Pizarchik <JPizarchik@osmre.gov>

Cc: Len Meier <lmeier@osmre.gov>

Subject: Potential ASLM Illinois Longwall Tour

Joe – we have worked with Illinois on the safety and compliance records of Illinois longwall mines and have identified a relatively new mine with a better than average safety record.

The Hamilton County Coal LLC's White Oak No. 1 Mine is located about 100 miles southeast of St. Louis. The mine is owned by Alliance Resource Partners LP (Alliance purchased the mine in August 2015).

The mine has two permits that cover a little over 1,000 acres and has almost \$12 million in bond coverage. It was first permitted in 2010 and coal removal started in the fall of 2014. The mine's production is about 7.5 million clean tons per year. Coal is removed in panels that are 1,000 feet wide and up to almost 20,000 feet long. The coal is mined at depths that range from 925 to 1,086 feet below the surface. The current projected shadow area is 10,038 acres.

Because it is a new mine, only one panel has been completed so there are limited surface effects to be viewed. However, there are other longwall mines nearby; all owned by Murray Energy, where we can view subsidence features and mitigation actions without concern of underground safety and without going on mine property. The Williamson Energy, LLC, Pond Creek No. 1 Mine and the American Coal Company, Galatia Mine are 40 to 50 miles from the White Oak No. 1 Mine. Both mines have subsidence features that have been mitigated.

For a 1 day tour, we could start in the Illinois DNR's Benton office first thing in the morning, and spend about an hour or two there to become acquainted with Longwall mining methods in the midwest. We could then head to White Oak for an underground tour and then back to Pond Creek or Galatia to view surface affects. Or, if we make the tour 1 1/2 days, we could do the in-office discussion the first day (afternoon), then do the two field trips the next full day and potentially return to St. Louis late afternoon or evening. Other options are also available depending on how much time we want to spend in the field or if you want to spend more time meeting with the State.

We have worked with Scott Fowler and his staff at the State, but have not contacted anyone at the White Oak Mine regarding a potential tour. The State is very interested and will work with us in setting up an underground tour and a tour of the surface effects on longwall mining. We believe, but will not know until we contact them, that Alliance will offer an underground tour. Attached is a brief fact sheet on the three mines discussed.

Please let me know if we should proceed with setting up a tour of the mines discussed above. We would need to work on calendars to see when everyone is available, especially considering the time of year.

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The draft options memo follows. Due states having primary responsibility to implement the law, our options are limited. Please review, etc. Thx

Once your feedback, etc., is received, will prepare the document for submission to the others.

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Thank you.

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Sent: Thu Dec 17 2015 22:37:14 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow-Up to Yesterday's Call

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TPB

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Déjà vu? How about some federal leadership? Or I guess it is now OK to file bankruptcy and the agency takes a fraction of the bond amount in super priority lien.

The Sierra Club lost today in its objection to the WV self-bonding deal. WV says its only WV issue, everybody, including the court must stay out of it. WV also says that if there is a problem with its position, there are administrative processes to go through in state tribunals. not so sure about that...what about federal oversight?

It's going to be a crazy ride to the end of our SMCRA careers...

Bill G

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Sent: Sat Dec 12 2015 22:05:26 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarch k@osmre.gov>
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Joe, pls shoot a draft of the paper to Brandi and I before we send it up. Thx very much. Hope you are having a nice weekend. J.

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To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>, Dylan Fuge <dfuge@blm.gov>, Alexandra Teitz <ateitz@blm.gov>
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From: Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarch k@osmre.gov>
Sent: Fri Dec 04 2015 15:43:12 GMT-0700 (MST)
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A very good answer and help to us on this narrative. Thank you Janice.

Bond, self-bond Schneider told reporters after the hearing that the Office of Surface Mining has set up a team to work with states on how to handle coal companies that use self-bonding to meet environmental cleanup financial requirements. With an increase in companies using self-bonding - up to \$3.6 billion now, Schneider said - Interior has questioned whether the current requirements are enough to guarantee mining companies clean up after themselves. If they can't, taxpayers foot the bill.

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By Andrew Restuccia

12/09/2015 05:59 AM EDT

LE BOURGET, France - United Nations climate chief Christiana Figueres said today that the ongoing negotiations here are on pace to produce a deal by Friday's deadline, but she added that the new draft text set to be released this afternoon will underscore the numerous issues that still need to be resolved.

"It will definitely be a good snapshot of a work in progress. Some [parts] will be further cleaned then they were before. But it'll be a very honest assessment of the fact that a lot of work still remains," Figueres, the executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change told POLITICO in a brief interview on the sidelines of the negotiations here.

The latest draft text, which is scheduled to be released at 1 p.m. CET, will be released "very soon," Figueres said. The document is the product of all-night negotiations over the most thorny issues like climate finance.

Figueres added that "we're on track" to finalize the deal on Friday, which is the strict deadline set by the French hosts of the talks. Long-time observers of the negotiations nonetheless expect the talks to go into overtime.

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Subject: Re: self-bonding
Attachments: IMCC Self Bonding Survey (3) - 2015.pdf

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Subject: Re: self-bonding

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To: "Owens, Glenda" <gowens@osmre.gov>
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From: "Harding, Stephenne" <stephenne_harding@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Dec 04 2015 07:54:40 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>, Brandi Colander <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>, Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarchik@osmre.gov>, Matthew Quinn <matthew_quinn@ios.doi.gov>
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For awareness - I've scheduled time to work with Emily Morris and Sue Ely in SOL this afternoon to try and craft legislative text consistent with Janice and Joe's ideas.

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Sent: Sat Dec 05 2015 13:00:54 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarch.k@osmre.gov>
Subject: Re: Self Bonding request

I appreciate all the discussion and quick drafting. From a congressional perspective 180 days seems reasonable to phase out in my opinion and this is to be a forcing mechanism to move this along.

That said, I'd like to settle on a reasonable suggested timeline (knowing that the bill can do whatever they want with that when they get it) and get it back to be part of the ongoing conversations quickly. It is okay if we send back with a placeholder for date and then have a conversation with them about what is desirable.

Thanks!

Stephen

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2015, at 1:53 PM, Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarchik@osmre.gov> wrote:

Janice:

The notice to the states to amend their regs should be doable within 90 days. (b) (5)

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 5, 2015, at 10:38 AM, Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thx very much for the quick turn on this. (b) (5)

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On Dec 4, 2015, at 4:31 PM, Morris, Emily <emily.morris@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Here are Sue and my revisions to Matt's version. Tom has reviewed it as well. I have included it in a Word version and the text is also at the end of this email.

Sue, Tom, and I have also discussed other potential ways to (b) (5). These measures would not completely solve the problem, but they would be an improvement over the current situation. They include:

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We recognize some or all of these may not be desirable, but we thought we would float them as options for your consideration.

Thanks,
Emily

(b) (5)

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On Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 6:26 PM, Stephenne Harding <stephenne_harding@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Thanks Emily. Will your edits address joe's concerns?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 4, 2015, at 6:21 PM, Morris, Emily <emily.morris@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

We were only (b) (5) . Sue and I are also working on tweaks to Matts language below. We hope to have something to share later tonight.

Emily

On Friday, December 4, 2015, Quinn, Matthew <matthew_quinn@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
I would have to defer to OSMRE and/or SOL. Adding Emily Morris for her expertise.

On Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 5:44 PM, Harding, Stephenne <<a>stephenne_harding@ios.doi.gov>> wrote:

Thank you Matt. One quick question, would this also (b) (5)

On Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 5:37 PM, Quinn, Matthew <<a>matthew_quinn@ios.doi.gov>> wrote:
Just circling back with all on this chain by way of update...

After chatting with SOL and others today, attached and pasted below is legislative text to consider. This text (b) (5)

[Redacted]

(b) (5)

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(b) (5) [Redacted]

On Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 12:20 PM, Joseph Pizarchik <<a>jpizarchik@osmre.gov>> wrote:
Thanks Matt.

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On Dec 4, 2015, at 12:15 PM, "Quinn, Matthew" <<a>matthew_quinn@ios.doi.gov>> wrote:

For awareness - I've scheduled time to work with Emily Morris and Sue Ely in SOL this afternoon to try and craft legislative text consistent with Janice and Joe's ideas.

On Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 12:05 PM, Janice Schneider <<a>janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>> wrote:
Agreed

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 4, 2015, at 8:25 AM, Joseph Pizarchik <<a>jpizarchik@osmre.gov>> wrote:

All things considered it would be good to (b) (5) [Redacted]

(b) (5) [Redacted]

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On Dec 4, 2015, at 10:30 AM, "Harding, Stephenne" <<a>stephenne_harding@ios.doi.gov>> wrote:

Thanks Janice!

(b) (5) [Redacted]

On Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 10:13 AM, Janice Schneider <<a>janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>> wrote:

Joe, what do you think about (b) (5) [Redacted]
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downside is that could take some time.

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On Dec 4, 2015, at 6:54 AM, Harding, Stephenne

<<a>stephenne_harding@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Time to think creatively!

The Energy Committee is very interested in finding some language that could be inserted in the Omnibus that would (b) (5)

This is a quick turn around with the committee, so (b) (5)

Thanks,

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"This transaction is consistent with our stated focus area of portfolio optimization. While our New Mexico and Colorado operations and workforce have been substantial contributors to our success over the years, we are reshaping our portfolio focus around our core regions including the Powder River Basin, Illinois Basin and Australia," said President and Chief Executive Officer Glenn Kellow. "At this time, we believe it is appropriate to monetize the value of these mines in a transaction that would bring forward multiple years of cash flows."

Peabody's New Mexico and Colorado mines are projected to produce 11 million tons in 2016. Based on Peabody's current operating plans, pre-tax cash flows after capital expenditures for these mines are projected to be approximately \$70 million in 2016.

Transaction closing is anticipated to occur before the end of the first quarter of 2016, subject to certain governmental and regulatory approvals, and other customary conditions. Bowie intends to fund the transaction through a debt refinancing and an equity commitment from a major private equity firm. Peabody expects to use transaction proceeds for general corporate purposes and/or deleveraging activities. In addition, the sale reduces the amount of Peabody's self-bonding in place for reclamation obligations by more than \$300 million. Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC is acting as the financial advisor to Peabody.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company and a global leader in sustainable mining, energy access and clean coal solutions. The company serves metallurgical and thermal coal customers in more than 25 countries on six continents. For further information, visit PeabodyEnergy.com and AdvancedEnergyForLife.com.

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Sent: Thu Nov 19 2015 10:20:38 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Brandi Colander <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: WV Mtg/Call/Videoconference

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From: Cruise, Fred <fcruise@osmre.gov>
Date: Thu, Nov 19, 2015 at 9:36 AM
Subject: Re: WV Mtg/Call/Videoconference
To: "Lassiter, Tracie" <tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov>

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Sent: Mon Nov 23 2015 15:23:20 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>, Jack Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>, Brandi Colander <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>, Hilary Tompkins <hilary.tompkins@sol.doi.gov>, "Glenda H. Owens" <gowens@osmre.gov>, Matthew McKeown <matthew.mckeown@sol.doi.gov>
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Sent: Mon Nov 23 2015 19:21:24 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Tracie Lassiter <tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Self Bonding: WY & Alpha

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Materials for Perruso same as coal background sent by Claudia for pre-meeting today. T

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Sent: Sat Nov 21 2015 07:34:54 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Colander, Brandi" <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Self-bonding Mtg

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Subject: Fwd: Janice Schneider, I never knew you existed!

Hi Janice,

A heads up this interview/coffee request may be coming your way, if it hasn't already. My apologies for the delay in sharing the below note with you; it got buried in my inbox when we were in Idaho.

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Cc: "interior_press@ios.doi.gov" <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Janice Schneider, I never knew you existed!

Heads up for you; this is re; OSMRE issues like self bonding especially.

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Date: Friday, November 13, 2015
Subject: Janice Schneider, I never knew you existed!
To: jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov

If we can, yes. I think she'd be a real help

Patrick

From: Kershaw, Jessica [mailto:<jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 4:17 PM
To: Rucker, Patrick (Reuters News)
Subject: Re: Janice Schneider, I never knew you existed!

With Janice?

On Wednesday, November 11, 2015, <<patrick.rucker@thomsonreuters.com>> wrote:

Just going through transcript of a senate energy committee hearing I missed

I see Ms. Schneider supervises OSM

Can we find time for a coffee sometime soon?

Regards

Patrick Rucker

Reuters News

Energy Reporter

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"Pizarchik, Joseph" <jpizarchik@osmre.gov>

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Sent: Fri Nov 13 2015 13:31:20 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Alpha Bankruptcy Stipulation
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"Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>

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Sent: Fri Nov 13 2015 17:03:27 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Pizarchik, Joseph" <jpizarchik@osmre.gov>
Subject: Re: Alpha Bankruptcy Stipulation

thx

On Fri, Nov 13, 2015 at 3:31 PM, Pizarchik, Joseph <jpizarchik@osmre.gov> wrote:

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Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarchik@osmre.gov>

From: Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarchik@osmre.gov>
Sent: Thu Nov 05 2015 14:55:21 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Brandi Colander <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>, Stephenne Harding <stephenne_harding@ios.doi.gov>
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Good afternoon. (b) (5)

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Thanks much-ARK

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Subject: Reuters coal company self-bonding article

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/30/usa-coal-bonding-idUSL1N0YC17N20150630>

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Sent: Sun Oct 25 2015 18:52:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Sally Jewell (b) (6) ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Reuters coal company self-bonding article

Sounds good. It is something that Joe, Brandi, SOL and I are starting to focus on more accutely.

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From: Glenda Owens <gowens@osmre.gov>
Sent: Sun Oct 25 2015 18:58:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Reuters coal company self-bonding article

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To: Glenda Owens <gowens@osmre.gov>
Subject: Re: Reuters coal company self-bonding article

Thx very much

On Sun, Oct 25, 2015 at 8:58 PM, Glenda Owens <gowens@osmre.gov> wrote:
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Here's the article on self-bonding with the \$2.7 B in liability btw 4 companies - Alpha Resources, Peabody, Arch Coal, and Cloud Peak Energy.

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Sent: Sat Oct 24 2015 12:14:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Bullets for Self-Bonding
Attachments: Self Bonding.docx

Janice,

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Sent: Sat Oct 24 2015 13:03:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Bukaweski, Thomas" <tbukaweski@osmre.gov>
Subject: Re: Bullets for Self-Bonding

great, thank you!

On Sat, Oct 24, 2015 at 2:14 PM, Bukaweski, Thomas <tbukaweski@osmre.gov> wrote:

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BOEM Financial Assurance Doc

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From: "Colander, Brandi" <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Oct 14 2015 13:28:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joseph Pizarchik <JPizarchik@osmre.gov>, Glenda Owens <gowens@osmre.gov>
Subject: BOEM Financial Assurance Doc
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Subject: Re: BOEM Financial Assurance Doc

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Subject: Bonding

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<http://www.boem.gov/note09222015/> link to their process

then click on link for proposed guidance, then click on criteria. Will only be live for the 45 days.

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Conversation Contents

Bonding Briefing

"Colander, Brandi" <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Colander, Brandi" <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Oct 06 2015 11:49:21 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tracie Lassiter <tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov>, Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Bonding Briefing

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Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>

From: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Oct 06 2015 13:26:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Colander, Brandi" <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Bonding Briefing

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From: "Colander, Brandi" <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Oct 06 2015 13:33:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Bonding Briefing

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From: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Oct 06 2015 13:34:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Colander, Brandi" <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Bonding Briefing

Ok. Have virtually no juice. Once get back on road will try to call again

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Tue Oct 06 2015 13:32:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tracie Lassiter <tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Bonding Briefing (Dial-in: non responsive, code: non responsive)

I am not available at this time. In meeting with County Commissioners.
David and Rich have my calendar for this trip. Thx

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 6, 2015, at 12:44 PM, Tracie Lassiter <tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> This event has been changed.

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> Title: Bonding Briefing (Dial-in: non responsive, code: non responsive)

> When: Tue Oct 13, 2015 3pm - 4pm Eastern Time (changed)

> Where: Room 6323

> Video call: non responsive

> Calendar: janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov

> Who:

> * brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov - organizer

> * tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov - creator

> * gowens@osmre.gov

> * dberry@osmre.gov

> * matthew.mckeown@sol.doi.gov

> * ebandy@osmre.gov

> * susan.ely@sol.doi.gov

> * tshope@osmre.gov

> * karen.hawbecker@sol.doi.gov

> * janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov

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> Event details:

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Out of Office Re: Updated Invitation: Bonding Briefing (Dial-in: non responsive code: non responsive) @ Tue Oct 13, 2015 3pm - 4pm (janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov)

"Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Oct 06 2015 12:44:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: 3nxYUVg8LANIHfy062_9yGG6H2F6CG.1C6.4CJ@calendar-server.bounces.google.com
Subject: Out of Office Re: Updated Invitation: Bonding Briefing (Dial-in: non responsive code: non responsive) @ Tue Oct 13, 2015 3pm - 4pm (janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov)

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"Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Oct 06 2015 12:02:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: 3sgwUVg8LANEGExz51_8xFF5G1E5BF.0B5.3BI@calendar-server.bounces.google.com
Subject: Out of Office Re: Updated Invitation: Bonding Briefing (Dial-in: Non responsive code: Non responsive) @ Wed Oct 14, 2015 1pm - 2pm (janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov)

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Attachments:

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Tracie Lassiter <tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov>

From: Tracie Lassiter <tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Oct 06 2015 12:02:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov, ebandy@osmre.gov, brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov, susan.ely@sol.doi.gov, matthew.mckeown@sol.doi.gov, dberry@osmre.gov, gowens@osmre.gov, karen.hawbecker@sol.doi.gov, tshope@osmre.gov
Subject: Updated Invitation: Bonding Briefing (Dial-in: **Non responsive** code: **Non responsive**) @ Wed Oct 14, 2015 1pm - 2pm (janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov)
Attachments: invite.ics

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[more details »](#)

When **Changed:** Wed Oct 14, 2015 1pm – 2pm Eastern Time

Where Room 6323 ([map](#))

Video call **non responsive**

Calendar janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov

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WV DEP

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From: "Colander, Brandi" <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Oct 01 2015 10:09:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: WV DEP

Janice-

Offering the following (b) (5)

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"Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Schneider, Janice" <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Oct 01 2015 10:10:53 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Colander, Brandi" <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: WV DEP

thx very much

On Thu, Oct 1, 2015 at 12:09 PM, Colander, Brandi <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Janice-

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"Kleven, Art" <art.kleven@sol.doi.gov>

From: "Kleven, Art" <art.kleven@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Sep 29 2015 11:25:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>, Brandi Colander <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>, Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarch k@osmre.gov>, Glenda Owens <gowens@osmre.gov>, David Berry <dberry@osmre.gov>, Kevin Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>, Karen Hawbecker <karen.hawbecker@sol.doi.gov>, Thomas Bovard <Tom.Bovard@sol.doi.gov>, Susan Ely <susan.ely@sol.doi.gov>, Matthew McKeown <matthew.mckeown@sol.doi.gov>, Terri Debin <terri.debin@sol.doi.gov>
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From: "Kleven, Art" <art.kleven@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Sep 29 2015 16:18:38 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>, Brandi Colander <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>, Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarch k@osmre.gov>, Glenda Owens <gowens@osmre.gov>, David Berry <dberry@osmre.gov>, Kevin Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>, Karen Hawbecker <karen.hawbecker@sol.doi.gov>, Thomas Bovard <Tom.Bovard@sol.doi.gov>, Susan Ely <susan.ely@sol.doi.gov>, Matthew McKeown <matthew.mckeown@sol.doi.gov>, Terri Debin <terri.debin@sol.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Alpha, revised draft
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Sent: Tue Sep 29 2015 16:54:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Kleven, Art" <art.kleven@sol.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Alpha, revised draft

Thank you Art!

On Tue, Sep 29, 2015 at 6:18 PM, Kleven, Art <art.kleven@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

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Draft OSMRE reservation of rights, Alpha bankruptcy

/46. Draft OSMRE reservation of rights, Alpha bankruptcy/1.1 ENV_ENFORCEMENT-#2548219-v1-Alpha_-_Draft_Reservation_re_Wyoming_Bonding_(US_Sept_24_2015)_SOL clean.docx

"Kleven, Art" <art.kleven@sol.doi.gov>

From: "Kleven, Art" <art.kleven@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Sep 28 2015 10:19:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: David Berry <dberry@osmre.gov>, Glenda Owens <gowens@osmre.gov>, Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarchik@osmre.gov>, Brandi Colander <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov>, Janice Schneider <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>, Kevin Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>
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Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarchik@osmre.gov>

From: Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarchik@osmre.gov>
Sent: Mon Sep 28 2015 12:49:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Kleven, Art" <art.kleven@sol.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft OSMRE reservation of rights, Alpha bankruptcy

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"McKeown, Matthew" <matthew.mckeown@sol.doi.gov>

From: "McKeown, Matthew" <matthew.mckeown@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Sep 29 2015 10:08:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joseph Pizarchik <jpizarchik@osmre.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft OSMRE reservation of rights, Alpha bankruptcy

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Subject: Re: Draft OSMRE reservation of rights, Alpha bankruptcy

Tracie, please set up a call with this group for 3:30 EST today. Thx very much, J.

On Tue, Sep 29, 2015 at 12:08 PM, McKeown, Matthew <matthew.mckeown@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

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Green group slams OSMRE with another mine permit lawsuit

Manuel Quiñones, E&E reporter

Published: Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Environmental group WildEarth Guardians yesterday hit the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement with a new lawsuit challenging Western mine plan approvals.

The complaint, filed in Colorado U.S. District Court, accuses the federal agency of failing to conduct enough scrutiny of four mine plans in New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming.

Even though states generally approve mining permits with limited OSMRE oversight, the Interior Department office handles mine approvals when federal coal is involved.

The lawsuit is similar to one WildEarth Guardians filed against OSMRE over other operations in Colorado, New Mexico, Montana and Wyoming.

That litigation startled industry when Colorado U.S. District Court Judge Brooke Jackson ruled in the group's favor and ordered OSMRE to conduct more public notice for and new scrutiny, including looking at its climate impacts, of Colowyo Coal Co. LP's mine there (*Greenwire*, May 19).

"We're trying to pull Interior's head out of the sand here," said WildEarth Guardians climate and energy director Jeremy Nichols. "[Secretary] Sally Jewell's got to start being honest with the American public on the real climate impacts of the federal coal program and start to move things in the direction of keeping coal in the ground."

During a breakfast with reporters yesterday, Jewell spoke about the Obama administration's plans to address climate change concerns and her department's recent listening sessions on coal mining and leasing (*Greenwire*, Sept. 15).

But the secretary also highlighted the continued economic importance of fossil fuels. "There are millions of jobs around the country that are dependent on these industries, and you can't just cut it off overnight," she said.

Environmental advocates, who are in Washington, D.C., this week pressing the administration to turn further away from fossil fuels, were not pleased with Jewell's comments.

"Absolutely no one is suggesting that we can end society's reliance on fossil fuel use tomorrow, but that's no excuse for failing to do our part today," said May Boeve, executive director of the group 350.org.

Today, several environmentally minded groups, including the Carbon Tracker Initiative, accused the United States and Australia of subsidizing coal production, therefore encouraging more mining and carbon emissions.

The subsidies, the report says, come from tax allowances, the lack of higher fees on leasing and mining, and allowing companies to self-bond.

"In the context of carbon and climate targets, the impact on demand for thermal coal can be significant if subsidies are removed," said lead author Mark Fulton, head of Energy Transition Advisors.

Cloud Peak Energy Inc. spokesman Rick Curtsinger said, "Reports like these are produced without basis by radical professional activist groups who are working for billionaires that have made huge bets on tax subsidies for intermittent energy sources," referring to renewables.

He continued, "Cloud Peak Energy produces solely in the Powder River Basin, and we pay roughly 40 percent of the price of every ton of coal we mine to the American people in taxes, royalties and leases."

Curtsinger said, "Hiking energy taxes, as these activist groups urge in reports like these, would hurt families and businesses while providing a windfall to their billionaire backers by propping up uneconomic wind and solar projects."

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Manuel Quiñones, E&E reporter

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Environmental group WildEarth Guardians yesterday hit the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement with a new lawsuit challenging Western mine plan approvals.

The complaint, filed in Colorado U.S. District Court, accuses the federal agency of failing to conduct enough scrutiny of four mine plans in New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming.

Even though states generally approve mining permits with limited OSMRE oversight, the Interior Department office handles mine approvals when federal coal is involved.

The lawsuit is similar to one WildEarth Guardians filed against OSMRE over other operations in Colorado, New Mexico, Montana and Wyoming.

That litigation startled industry when Colorado U.S. District Court Judge Brooke Jackson ruled in the group's favor and ordered OSMRE to conduct more public notice for and new scrutiny, including looking at its climate impacts, of Colowyo Coal Co. LP's mine there (*Greenwire*, May 19).

"We're trying to pull Interior's head out of the sand here," said WildEarth Guardians climate and energy director Jeremy Nichols. "[Secretary] Sally Jewell's got to start being honest with the American public on the real climate impacts of the federal coal program and start to move things in the direction of keeping coal in the ground."

During a breakfast with reporters yesterday, Jewell spoke about the Obama administration's plans to address climate change concerns and her department's recent listening sessions on coal mining and leasing (*Greenwire*, Sept. 15).

But the secretary also highlighted the continued economic importance of fossil fuels. "There are millions of jobs around the country that are dependent on these industries, and you can't just cut it off overnight," she said.

Environmental advocates, who are in Washington, D.C., this week pressing the administration to turn further away from fossil fuels, were not pleased with Jewell's comments.

"Absolutely no one is suggesting that we can end society's reliance on fossil fuel use tomorrow, but that's no excuse for failing to do our part today," said May Boeve, executive director of the group 350.org.

Today, several environmentally minded groups, including the Carbon Tracker Initiative, accused the United States and Australia of subsidizing coal production, therefore encouraging more mining and carbon emissions.

The subsidies, the report says, come from tax allowances, the lack of higher fees on leasing and mining, and allowing companies to self-bond.

"In the context of carbon and climate targets, the impact on demand for thermal coal can be significant if subsidies are removed," said lead author Mark Fulton, head of Energy Transition Advisors.

Cloud Peak Energy Inc. spokesman Rick Curtsinger said, "Reports like these are produced without basis by radical professional activist groups who are working for billionaires that have made huge bets on tax subsidies for intermittent energy sources," referring to renewables.

He continued, "Cloud Peak Energy produces solely in the Powder River Basin, and we pay roughly 40 percent of the price of every ton of coal we mine to the American people in taxes, royalties and leases."

Curtsinger said, "Hiking energy taxes, as these activist groups urge in reports like these, would hurt families and businesses while providing a windfall to their billionaire backers by propping up uneconomic wind and solar projects."

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Subject: Coal regs - prior NPRM - from OIRA website

DOI/BLM

RIN: 1004-AD93

Publication ID: Fall 2013

Title: Coal Management: Lease Modifications; Lease and Logical Mining Unit Diligence; Advance Royalties; Royalty Rates; Bonds

Abstract: This rule will amend the coal management regulations that pertain to the administration of Federal coal leases and logical mining units (LMUs) by implementing the provisions of title IV, subtitle D of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) that include: Increasing the maximum acreage for a lease modification from 160 acres to 960 acres; new procedures for extending the life of an LMU beyond 40 years; changes in the procedures and standards for payment of advance royalty for leases and LMUs; elimination of the requirement to submit a resource recovery and protection plan within 3 years after the issuance or establishment of an LMU; and changes in procedures and standards for bonds used to ensure payment of the remaining balance of deferred bonus bids. The rule will also clarify the royalty rate that is applicable to continuous highwall mining operations conducted on Federal coal leases.

Agency: Department of the Interior(DOI)

Priority: Other Significant

RIN Status: Previously published in the Unified Agenda

Agenda Stage of Rulemaking: Final Rule Stage

Major: No

Unfunded Mandates: No

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3400 43 CFR 3430 43 CFR 3470 43 CFR 3480

Legal Authority: 30 USC 189 30 USC 359 30 USC 1211 30 USC 1251 30 USC 1266 30 USC 1273 43 USC 1461 43 USC 1733 43 USC 1740

Legal Deadline: None

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/12/2013	78 FR 49080
NPRM Comment Period End	10/11/2013	
Final Action	05/00/2014	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Small Entities Affected: No

Federalism: No

Included in the Regulatory Plan: No

RIN Information URL: www.regulations.gov

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Hi Brandi,

Thanks for your reply. Of course, happy to give some more background.

KKR is a global investment firm that manages about \$100 billion, about 60% of which is in private markets and real assets, and the rest in various public markets. We also manage our own \$13b balance sheet. Our investors tend to be public pension funds, endowments, and some high net worth individuals. I am situated in the KKR Global Institute (KGI), which is chaired by retired Gen. Petraeus. KGI brings our geopolitical, macroeconomic, and Environment/Social/Government functions to help think about new sectors for investment and get a holistic view of particular investments. The ESG component also works with our portfolio companies to ensure best-in-class standards (we have partnerships with EDF, Transparency International, etc. to accomplish that goal).

Our interest is in the self-bonding program. Big picture, I'm interested in the extent to which the program is getting more policy attention and how you're thinking about the ongoing Federal oversight role. On specifics, parent company collateralization, multi-state usage of collateral, and partial self-bonding/role of external guarantors seem particularly relevant in the current market. A couple of our public market guys have looked into the parent company issue in particular so may have some interesting insights for you as well.

Also, I think disclosure is important upfront so should mention that I am a civil society rep on USEITI FACA for DOI, but this conversation has nothing to do with that.

All the best,
Neil

On Fri, Aug 7, 2015 at 3:01 PM, Colander, Brandi <brandi_colander@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Neil-

Thanks for the outreach, would be helpful to better understand your interest then happy to carve out time for a general call the week of the 17th.

Best,

On Fri, Aug 7, 2015 at 2:41 PM, Neil R Brown <neil@neilrobertbrown.com> wrote:

Dear Brandi,

I wanted to follow-up on my email to see if we might be willing to connect next week or after? Many thanks for your consideration and have a good weekend.

All the best,
Neil

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On Aug 4, 2015, at 1:41 PM, Neil R Brown <neil@neilrobertbrown.com> wrote:

Dear Brandi,

It is great to be in touch with you. As I mentioned in my email to Allyson, I am looking into self-bonding a bit and am interested to discuss how you all are thinking about it.

As background, I used to work in the Senate (hence how I know Allyson) and these days work at the KKR Global Institute in NYC, where I look at new investment frontiers. Usually that is in emerging markets abroad, but occasionally I work the U.S. when there are potential dislocations like we may see here.

Happy to provide more background as well. (Sorry am on the road now.)

Would you be willing to meet some time? If it would be of interest, I could ask one or two of my colleagues to join -- they are public market investors who have done some good thinking on the subsidiary-parent issue.

Many thanks,
Neil

On Aug 4, 2015, at 10:52 AM, Anderson, Allyson <allyson.anderson@bsee.gov> wrote:

Hey Neil - good to hear from you. On that particular topic, the person you should talk to is Brandi Colander. I have copied Brandi - she worked extensively with the OSM on the recent rule and works in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

Stay cool. - Allyson

On Tue, Aug 4, 2015 at 11:45 AM, Neil R Brown <neil@neilrobertbrown.com> wrote:

Hi Allyson,

I hope you are well and ready for some summer holiday. I have a somewhat random question, if you don't mind. In my day job (KKR), I am looking a bit into various commodities that brought me to OSM guidance on self-bonding for coal reclamation. I'd like to get a sense of how DOI is thinking on it. I assume that you are working on everything important...any advice on who to talk with? No problem if not, of course.

Thanks -- hope to see you soon!
Neil

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The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management is considering new rulemaking to reform the process for leasing federal coal reserves to mining companies, according to the administration's updated regulatory agenda.

BLM's advance notice of proposed rulemaking is meant to ask the public "to comment on whether and how royalty rates charged for coal production should be changed."

An advance notice signals the administration's interest in exploring reforms to the current system, but an actual proposed rule could be months or years down the line.

Beyond potential changes in the royalty rate, BLM is also asking for "input on potential adjustments to the bonding requirements" for coal mines on public land.

After years of lobbying from environmental and other watchdog groups for tougher coal leasing standards, Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue is reforming its coal valuation practices, which could affect how much mining companies pay in royalties ([Greenwire](#), May 11).

But during recent remarks, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell suggested being open to additional reforms. "These are hard questions. But it's time for an honest and open conversation about modernizing the federal coal program," she said.

Former Interior Deputy Secretary David Hayes, now a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, which has been pressing for reform, recently asked for the administration to account more for the climate impacts of mining and burning federal coal.

The new advance rulemaking notice, while providing few details, suggests Interior is interested in issues beyond dollars and cents.

"In connection with its management of these resources, the BLM is responsible for ensuring that the development of resources occurs in an environmentally responsible manner, while also meeting the nation's energy needs," said the notice. "The intent of updating the provisions is to ensure that these obligations are met."

Environmental advocates opposing coal leasing on federal land because of climate and pollution concerns see progress in their direction. But they still see the administration moving forward with too much leasing.

In recent days, the group WildEarth Guardians [wrote](#) BLM with concerns about a planned lease sale for more than 40 million tons of federal coal. The group says the administration may have erred in its review.

Greens are also concerned about BLM's Wyoming Buffalo area resource management plan, which could open the door to new coal leases and other fossil fuel development.

Groups were pleased to see BLM take comment on potential rulemaking to govern methane releases from coal mines on public land. But a proposed rule remains in limbo.

The agency is, however, preparing guidance on incorporating climate change into permit reviews. A recent Colorado federal court ruling faulted the administration on the issue.

Mining companies are none too pleased with all the changes. They see the administration adding hurdles to their ability to mine coal for power plants or export, jeopardizing revenues to the federal and state governments.

BLM has also been considering a proposal to boost the royalty rate for highwall coal mining, often described as a hybrid between underground and surface coal extraction. It may become final by next March and has not generated much controversy.

Other coal and mining actions

When it comes to coal- and mining-related rules beyond leasing, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's forthcoming stream protection measure is among the more controversial.

The proposal has been under review by the White House Office of Management and Budget, and the new regulatory agenda foresees a June release date.

OSMRE also plans a July release for a final rule boosting industry regulatory fees, a November release for a proposal for regulating the use of coal ash in abandoned mines, a July release for a slurry impoundment dam safety proposal and a December release for a proposal to regulate

strip mine blasting.

U.S. EPA plans to release a long-awaited proposal to boost bonding requirements for hardrock mines by August of 2016. Environmental groups, however, are in litigation against the agency for a more expedited, concrete timeline.

EPA also plans to finalize a rule to alter radon emission standards for conventional uranium mines and mills by February 2016, and a rule to boost standards for in-situ recovery uranium mining by April 2016.

Among upcoming rules by the Mine Safety and Health Administration are standards for crystalline silica, civil penalty criteria and protecting workers from mining machines.

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